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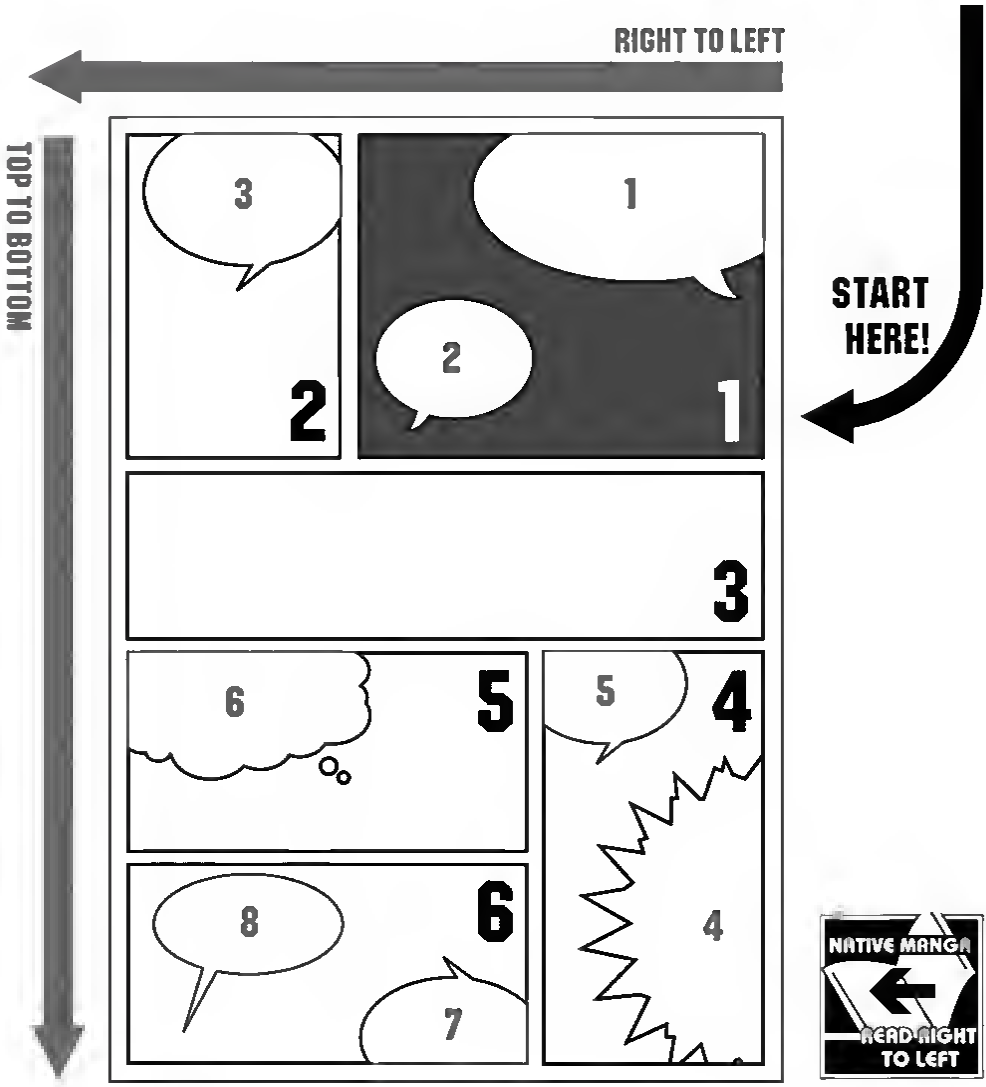

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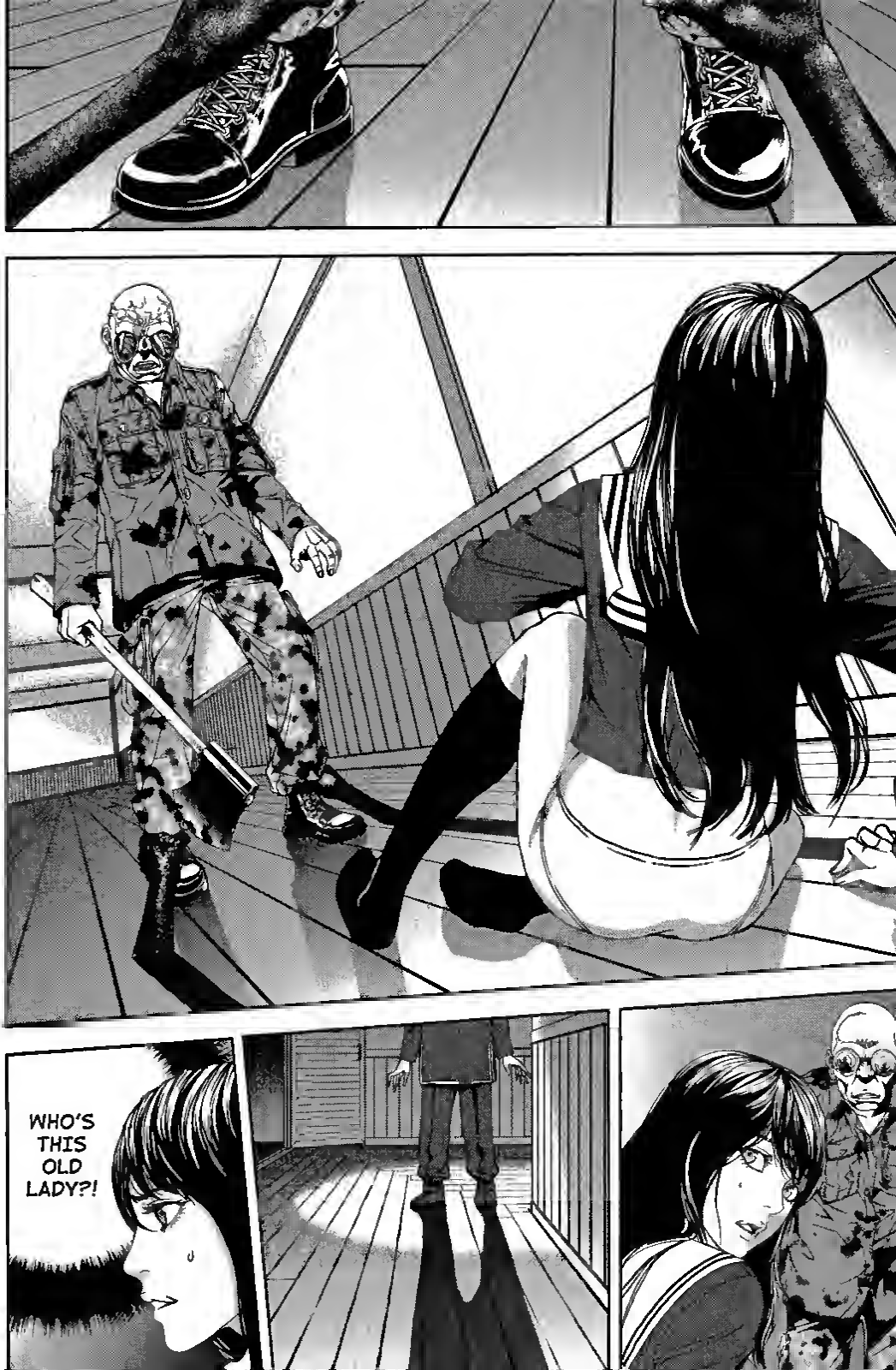
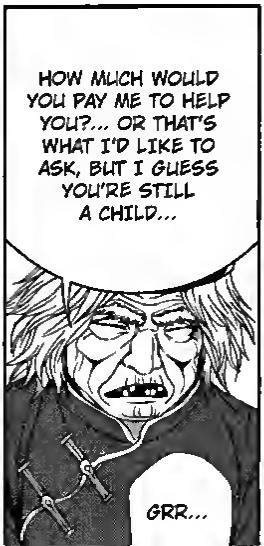
24:DIABOLICAL DISSECTION


WHO'S THIS OLD LADY?!

MY NAME IS GYOUANJA! I'M WITH AKAMUSHI.

COME OVER HERE.
OKAY!!


HOW MUCH WOULD YOU PAY ME TO HELP YOU?... OR THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO ASK, BUT I GUESS YOU'RE STILL A CHILD...
GRR...

SHE'S WITH AKAMU-SHI?!

?

??

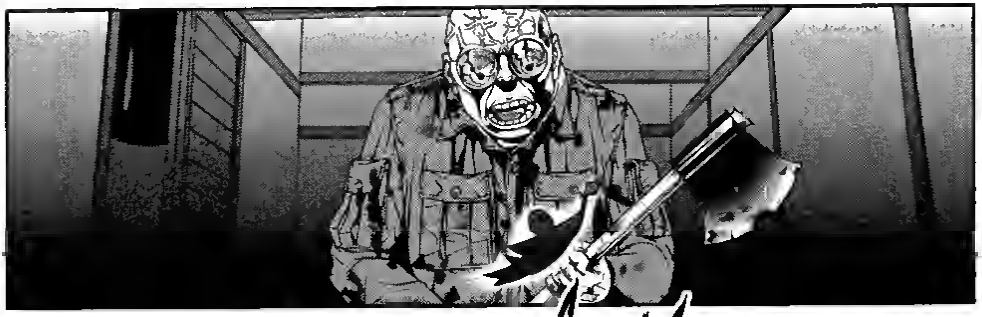
!!
OHHHHH!!
EEEK!

HE WORKS FOR YOUR FAMILY, DOESN'T HE?
YES, HE'S OLD MR. TAMAKI, OUR SERVANT. BUT... BUT...

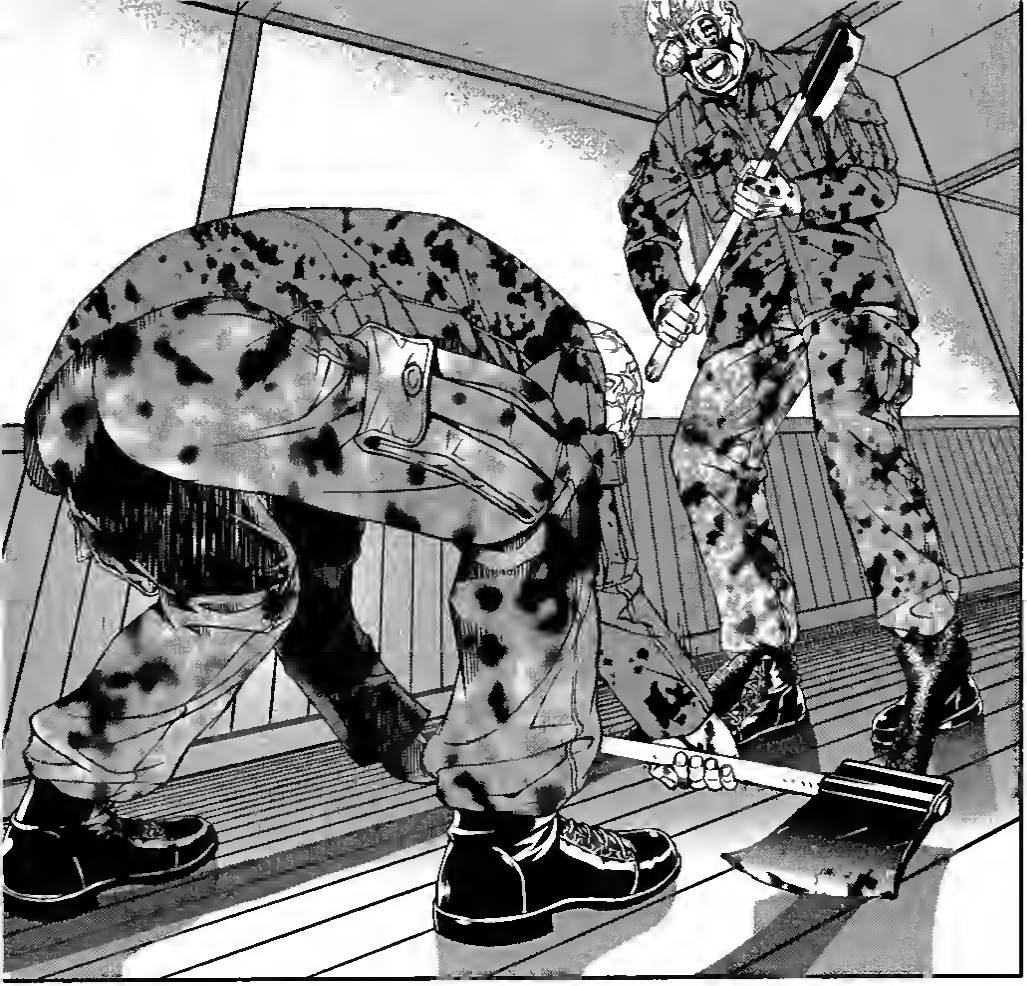
HE'S BEEN POSSESSED... HE'S NOT THE OLD MAN YOU KNEW ANYMORE.
TH-THEN WHAT DO WE DO?
LEAVE IT TO ME!
QUIT GETTIN' IN MY WAY!! UHYAH HO HYAH HYAH!!

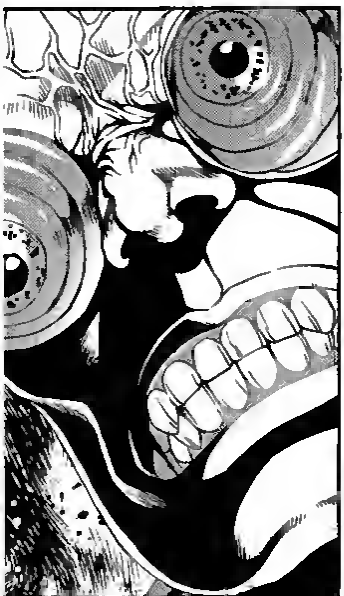
SHF
SHF
SHRIP
IS THAT...
SHRIP
SHRIP
RIP
IS THAT MR. TAMAKI?!

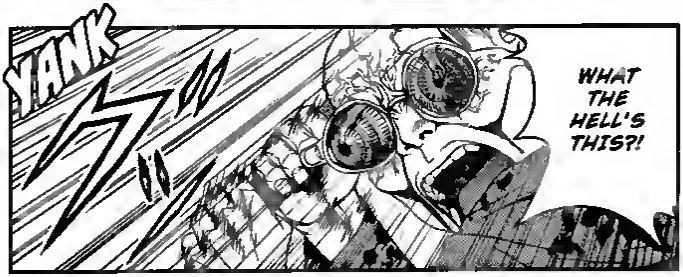
FWOOF!

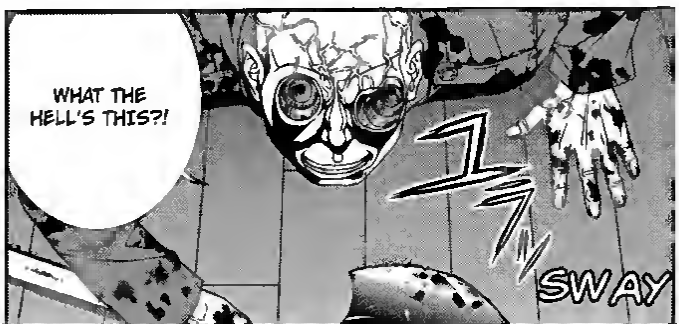


BOOSH



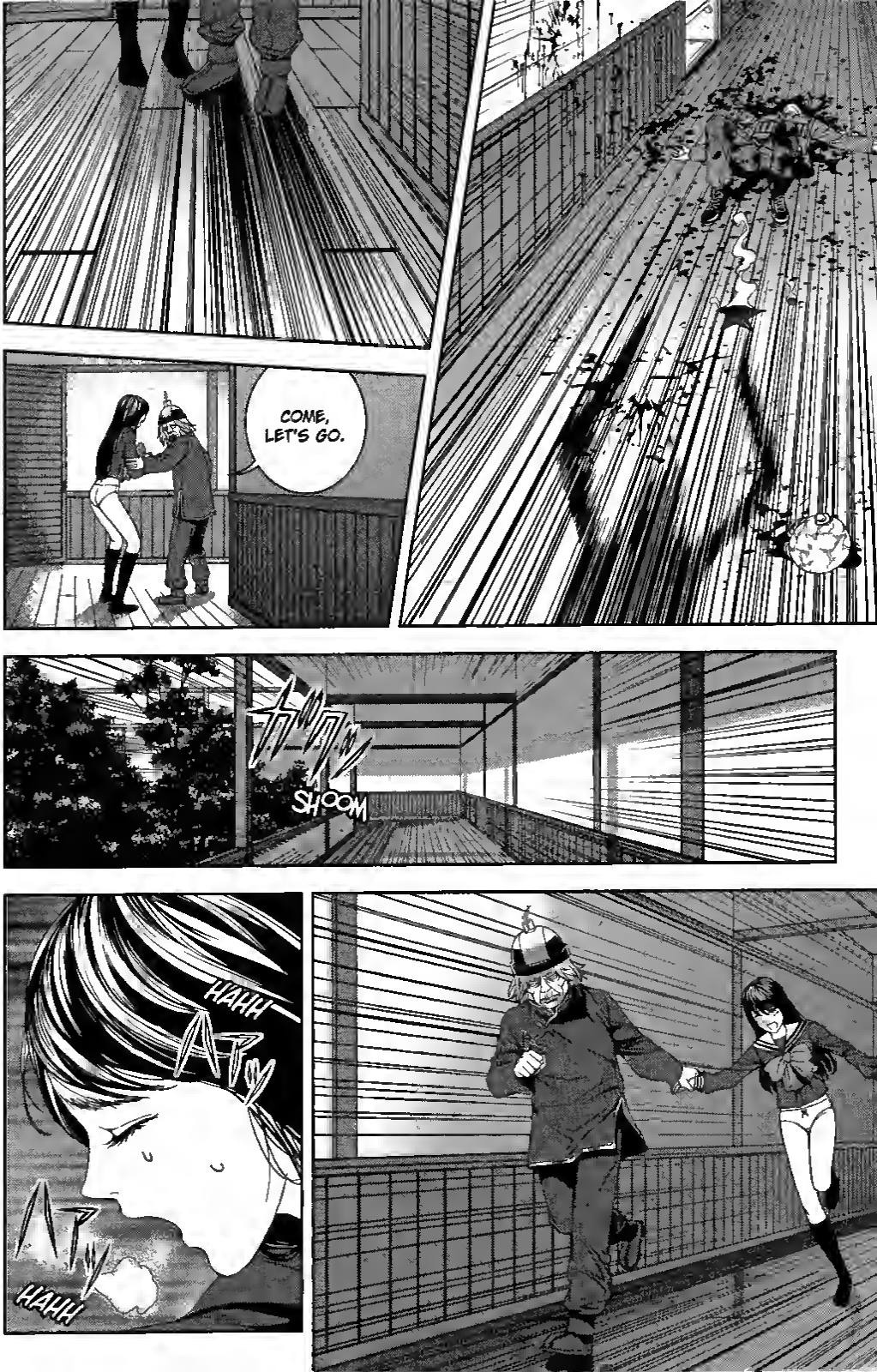



YANK
WHAT THE HELL'S THIS?!


WHAT THE HELL'S THIS?!
SWAY

DIE!!
DIE!!
CHOK
CHOK
EEEEEK!

CLUNK
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TURN THE POSSESSED BACK TO NORMAL, YOU SEE
WHUMP

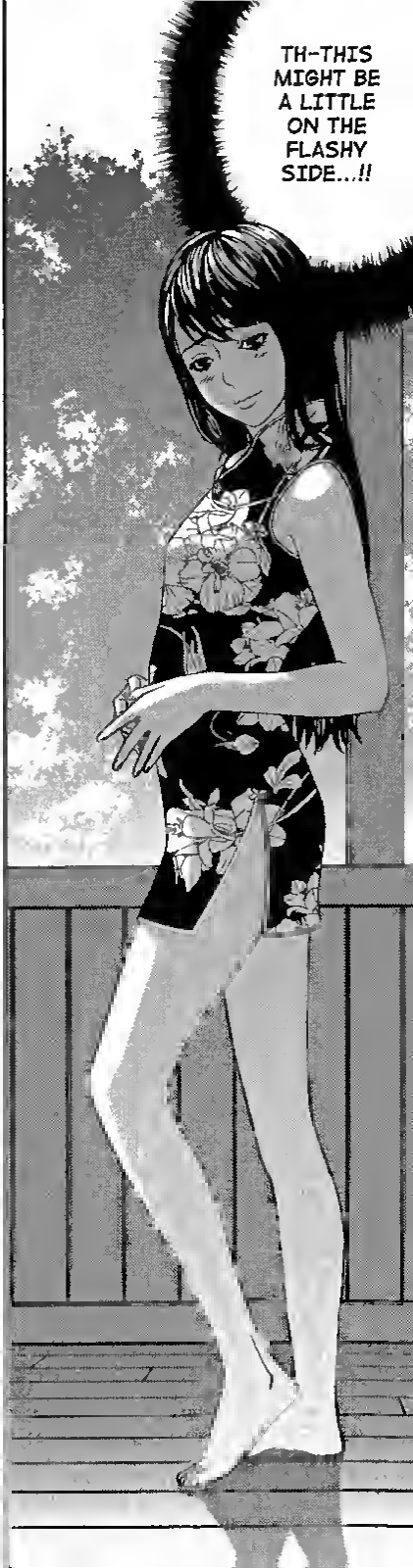

COME, LET'S GO.
SHOOM
HAHH
HAHH

SWP
HAHH
HAHH
HERE'S A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.
?
YOU CAN HAVE IT. IT'S ONE OF MY *OLD* THINGS, ANYWAY.
SHLK
...
THANK YOU...

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M A FORTUNE TELLER.
Y-YOU REALLY COME PREPARED.
SHLK
SHLK

OKAY, GOT IT. LET'S GO!

UH... WHERE?
THAT'S OBVIOUS! TO WHERE ALL THAT MOANING'S COMING FROM!


TH-THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE ON THE FLASHY SIDE...!!

UNNN-
NNH...
AH!

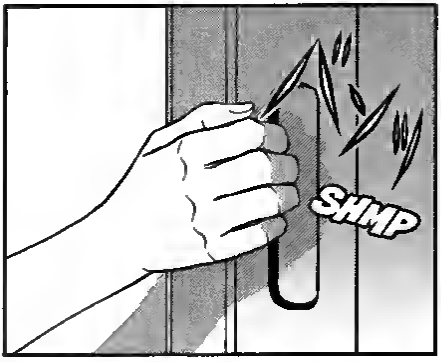
AH!

YOUR FATHER'S
ROOM.

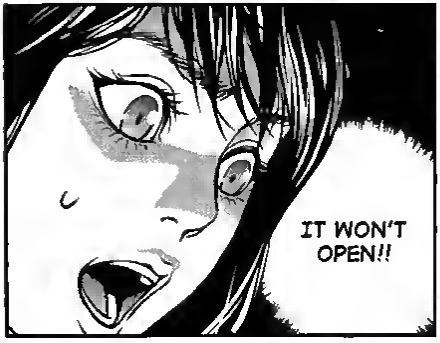
WELL...
WHERE'S
THAT?

UNNNHH...

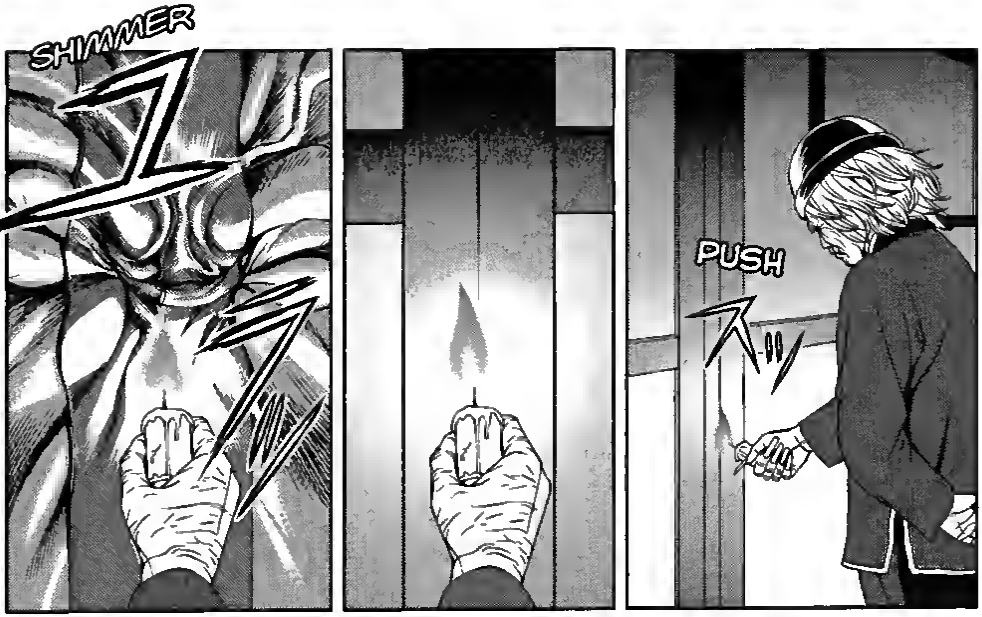
DAD'S STUDY...


SHMP

YOU'RE RIGHT... IT'S FROM IN HERE...


IT WON'T OPEN!!

DAD!!
IS AKAMUSHI IN THERE?!
DON
DON
WHAM
WHAM
DAD!! YOU'RE IN THERE, AREN'T YOU?!
SHMP
SHMP
OPEN THE DOOR!!
SHE... WANTS TO GET IN THAT BADLY...?
LIFT
STAND BACK.


SHIMMER
PUSH

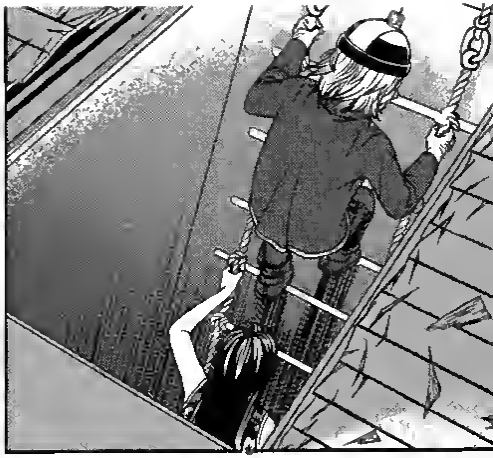
EEK!
AIIEEEEE!!

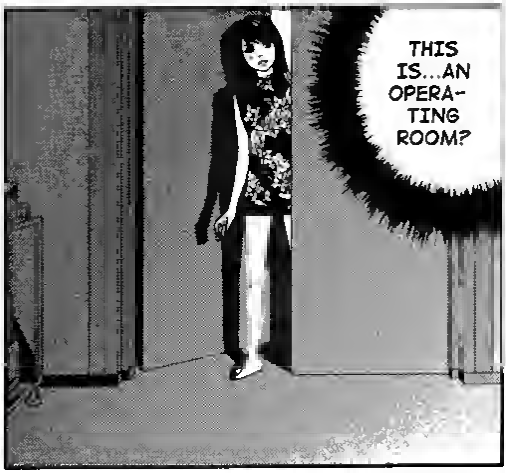
TRY OPENING IT.
O-OKAY.
IT OPENED !!
CHAK
AKAMUSHI!!

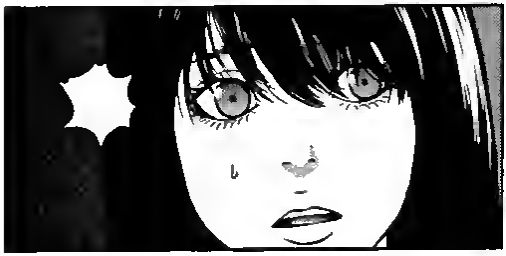
NOBODY'S HERE... IT'S ALL DARK...

HMPH! IS *THAT* SUPPOSED TO BE A PROTECTIVE WARD...?

THERE'S A HOLE IN THE FLOOR!!
GOOD GRIEF... YOUR FATHER APPEARS TO BE A MAN WITH MANY SECRETS.
WE CAN CLIMB DOWN! LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A SECRET ROOM!



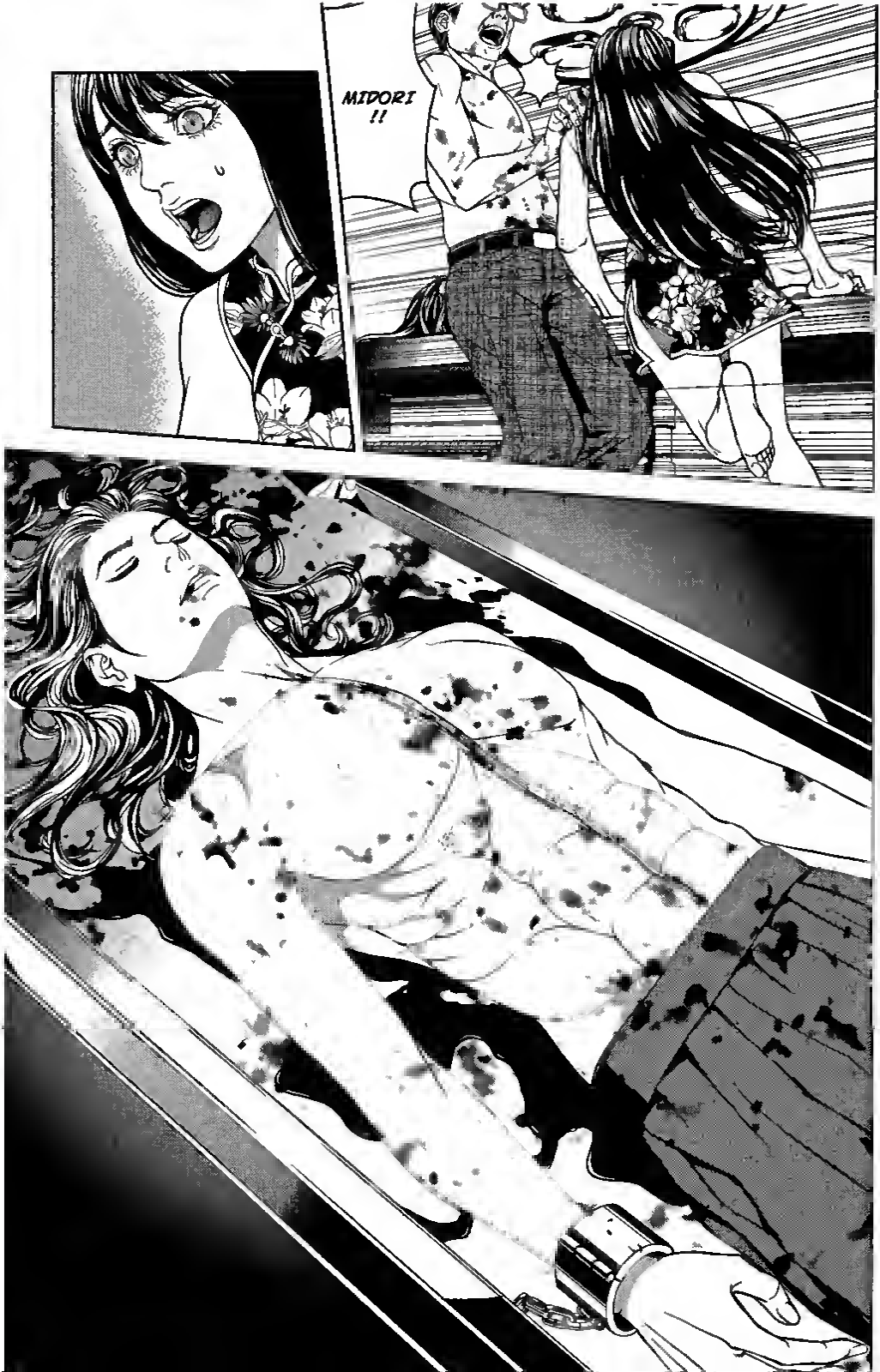




SIGN: OPERATING ROOM

D-DAD?

UGH...! UNHHHH...
IS THAT YOU, DAD?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, MIDORI? DID SCHOOL LET OUT?


MIDORI
!!

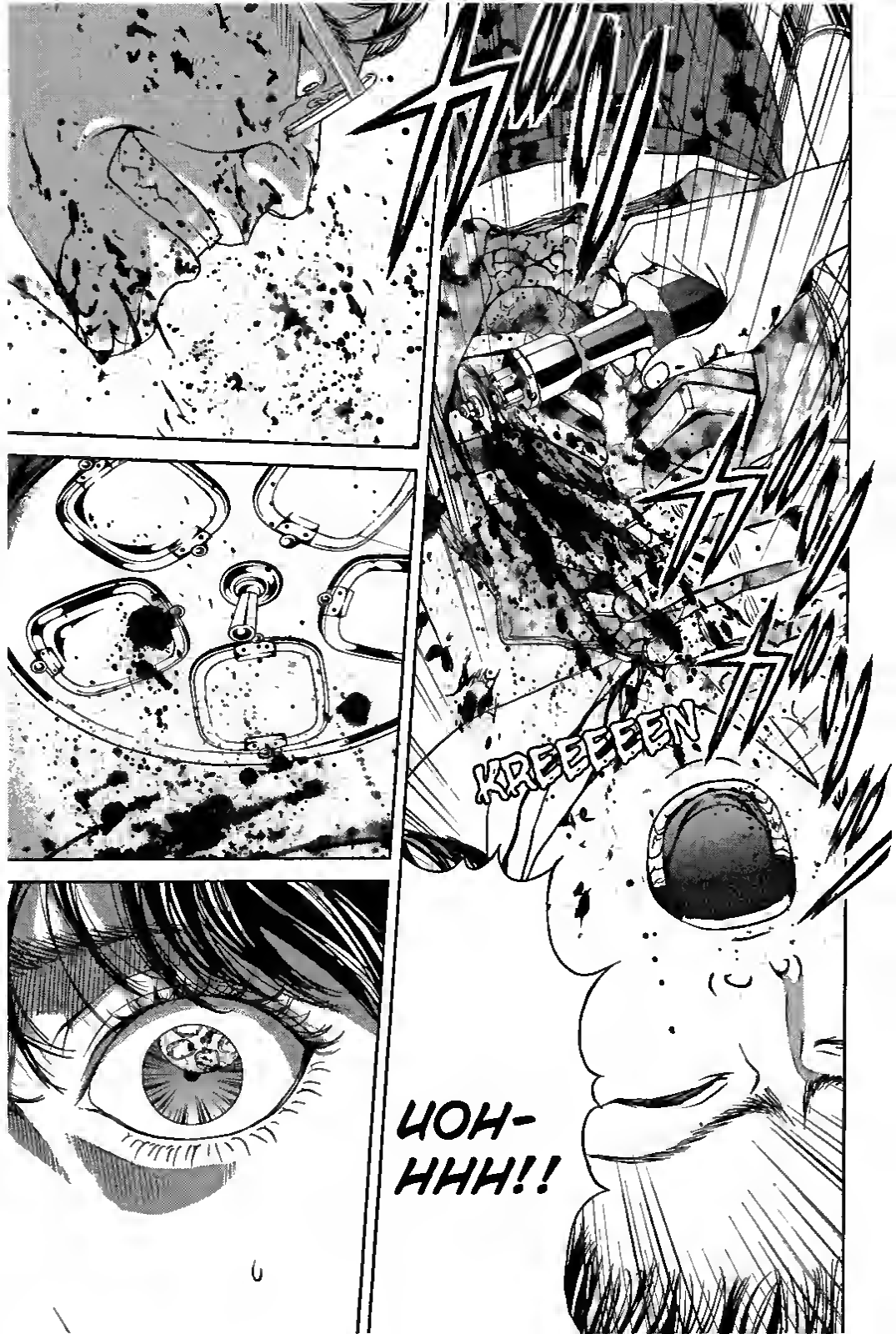
AKAMUSHI!!

FLING

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE...?

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M EXAMINING A MONSTER.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, DAD?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO AKAMUSHI?!
A MONSTER THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO EARN ITS KEEP FOR US FROM NOW ON.

ARE YOU NUTS?! ISN'T WHAT YOU'RE DOING VIVISEC-TION?!
SHRRN
SIMPLETON! I'M DOING ALL THIS FOR OUR FAMILY!
EEERN
KREEEEEN


KREEEEEN!
UOH-
HHH!!

!!
LUNGE
MIDORI, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
UNH... UNHHH...

YOU'RE NOT EVEN USING ANESTHE-SIA!! THIS IS CRUEL!!
MOVE ASIDE, MIDORI!
SHOVE
AAOOO
WHUMP
WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE A MONSTER'S INSIDES! MHMHM!
SHIVER

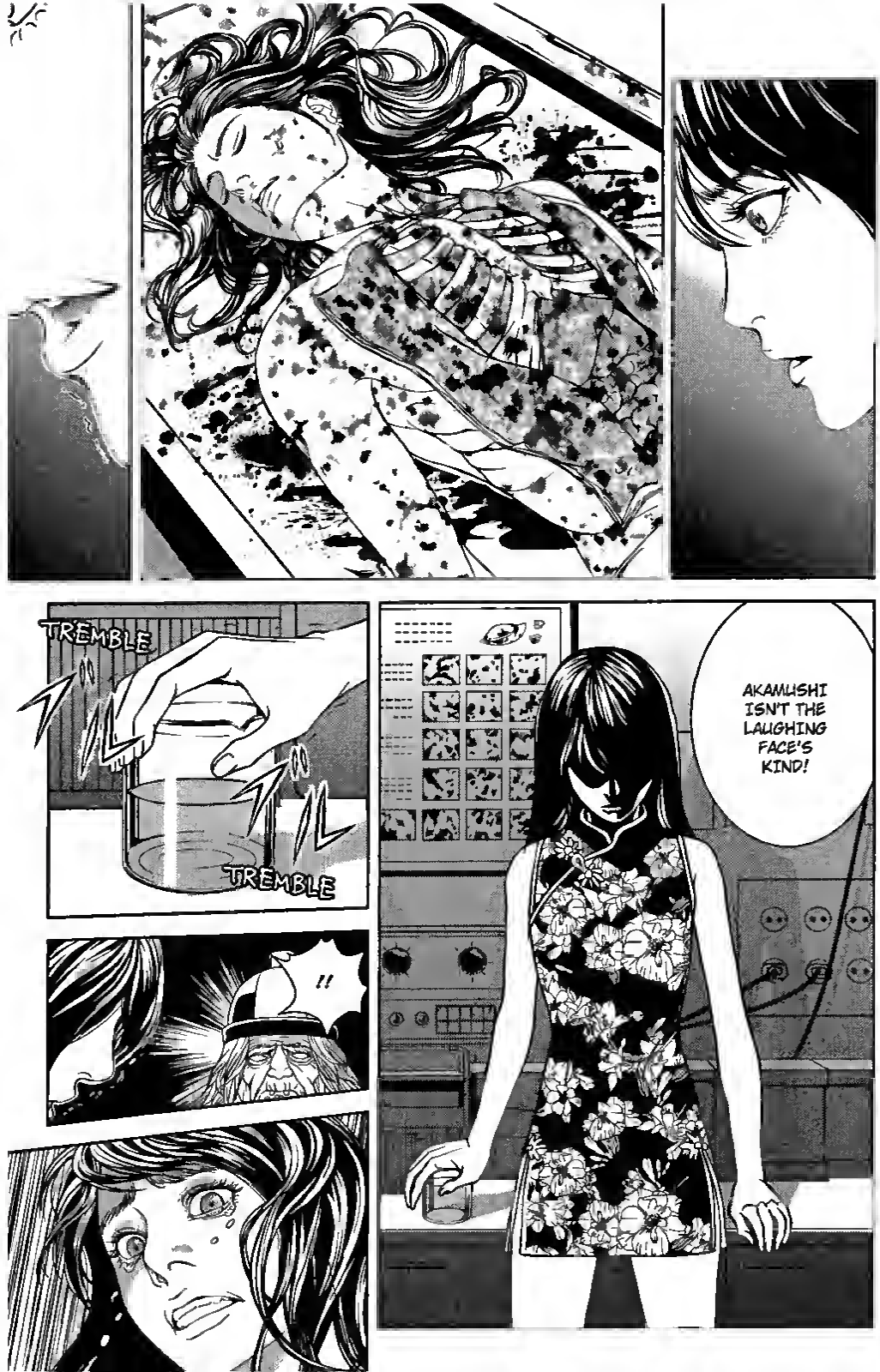
!!
YOU'RE THE...
...YOU'RE
...
YOU'RE THE MONSTER, DAD!!!

25, SURGICAL SPIDER
二十五、外科蜘蛛

YOU'RE THE MONSTER, DAD!!
UGH... UNHHHH...
...!!
...

YOU WERE SO TIMID AND QUIET, YOU'D JUST CRY ALL THE TIME. NOW HERE YOU ARE, STANDING UP TO YOUR OWN FATHER...
...DAD...

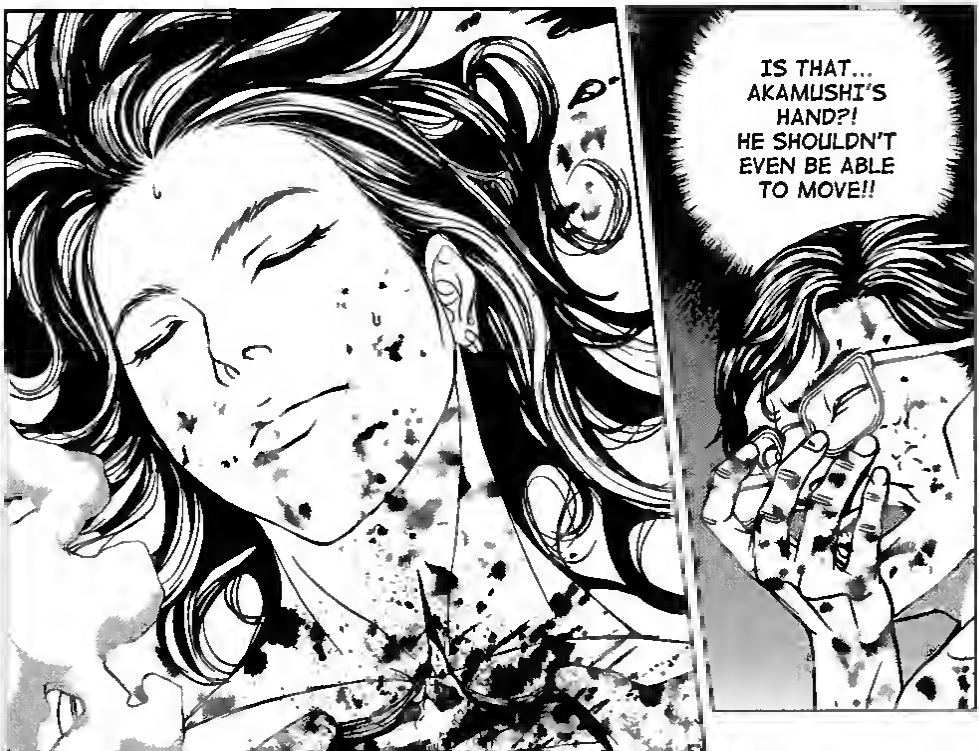
I'M A MONSTER?!
YOU STUPID GIRL!!
AH!
WHO CAN SAY YOU OR I WON'T MEET WITH THE SAME FATE?!
THOSE THINGS POSSESSED BOTH YOUR GRANDFATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.
THAT'S A NAME WE USE FOR THE LAUGHING FACE!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH PROBING THE SECRETS OF ITS KIND SO WE CAN FIGHT BACK?!

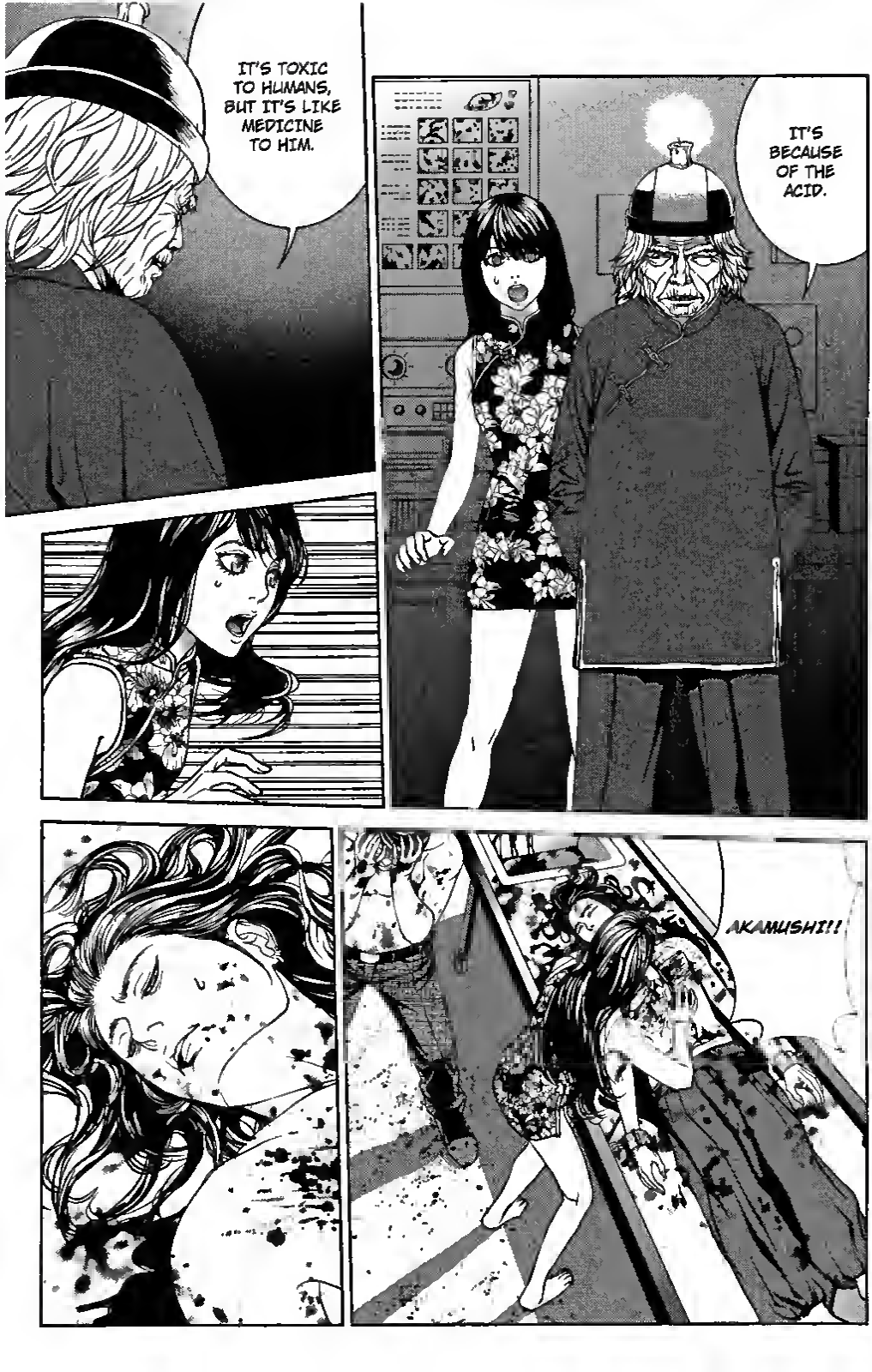

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
!!
AKAMUSHI ISN'T THE LAUGHING FACE'S KIND!

YOU'RE ITS KIND, DAD!!
BLASH
AUGHHH !!
SSSS

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?! THAT WAS SULFURIC ACID!!
SSS
SSS
UNHH!
GRAB
I'VE GOT TO RINSE IT OFF WITH WATER!!

!!


IS THAT... AKAMUSHI'S HAND?! HE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO MOVE!!

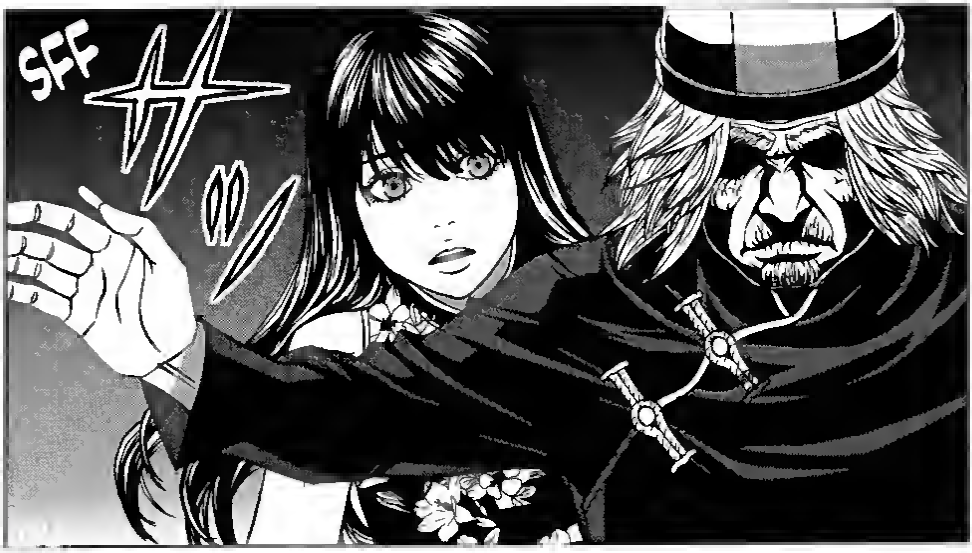

IT'S TOXIC TO HUMANS, BUT IT'S LIKE MEDICINE TO HIM.
IT'S BECAUSE OF THE ACID.
AKAMUSHI!!

...MIDORI
!!
MIDORI. UNFASTEN THESE STRAPS, IF YOU WOULD.
OKAY!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME HE'S EVER CALLED ME BY NAME!!

IT'S AWFUL... HE'S ALL CUT OPEN... I'M AMAZED HE'S STILL ALIVE AT THIS POINT...
AKAMUSHI, CAN YOU STAND UP?
DOES IT WORRY YOU?
Y-YES ...
HOW ABOUT THIS?

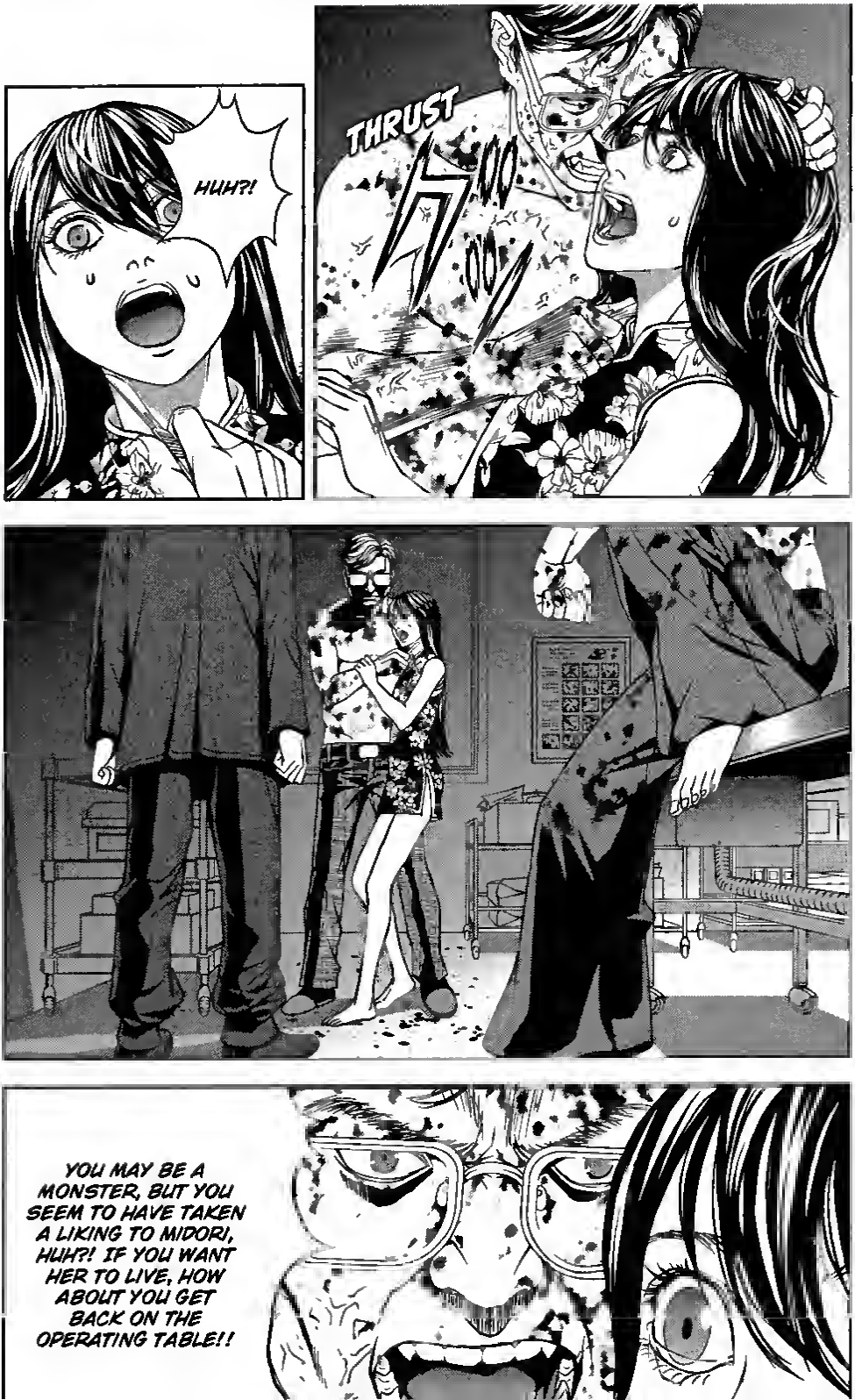
THE WOUNDS ON HIS BELLY ARE SEWING UP!! HOW...?!
FWIT
FWIT
FWIT
A S-SPIDER?!
YOU SEWED IT WITH SPIDER THREAD?
IT'S CALLED A "SURGICAL SPIDER."

GRAHHH! I CAN'T SEE!!
TH-THAT'S CONVENIENT... I WONDER IF THERE ARE ALSO SPIDERS FOR INTERNAL MEDICINE, AND EAR, NOSE, AND THROAT...
IT'S SOFTER THAN SURGICAL SUTURE, AND HARDER THAN STEEL. IF YOU LEAVE IT BE, IT WILL ABSORB NATURALLY INTO THE BODY.
MIDORI!! HELP ME OVER TO THE WATER FAUCET!!


SFF

HELP ME... MIDORI ...

I'M SORRY. --HE'S MY DAD, AFTER ALL.
MY-MY EYES...
DAD, IT'S ME! HANG ON TO ME.


HUH?!
THRUST
ぶっ
YOU MAY BE A MONSTER, BUT YOU SEEM TO HAVE TAKEN A LIKING TO MIDORI, HUH?! IF YOU WANT HER TO LIVE, HOW ABOUT YOU GET BACK ON THE OPERATING TABLE!!

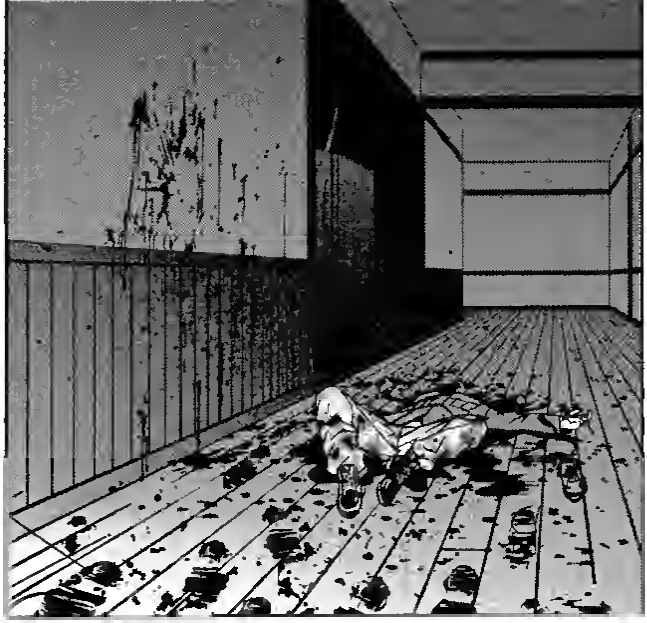
YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE US MONEY!! SHE AND I WILL BE SET FOR LIFE!!
YEAH, I SURE AM!! AND I'M ACTING LIKE THIS FOR HER SAKE!!
AREN'T YOU... HER FATHER?
ISN'T THERE A MISTAKE YOU'RE MAKING?
SH-SHUT UP!! LET'S GET BACK TO THE DISSEC-TION!!
OTHER-WISE I'LL SHRED MIDORI'S FACE!!

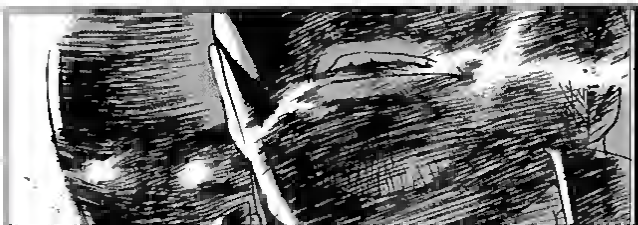
OH NO! I'VE NEVER BEEN THIS SANE. I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE DOING EVERYTHING IMAGINABLE TRYING TO WIPE OUT THE LAUGHING FACE, ALL THE WHILE BEING TORMENTED BY THE KUROSAWA FAMILY CURSE.
STOP IT, DAD!! ARE YOU INSANE?!
BUT NEITHER MY FATHER NOR MY WIFE HAVE COME HOME SINCE LAST NIGHT! THE LAUGHING FACE ISN'T DEAD AFTER ALL! I CAN'T DO THIS BY MYSELF! MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO MAKE AKAMUSHI MY SERVANT AND HAVE HIM FIGHT THE LAUGHING FACE!!
BESIDES, I HAVE NO FURTHER USE FOR YOU.
I SEE. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA, FOR A HUMAN.
BUT YOU'RE IN WAY OVER YOUR HEAD.
NO USE FOR ME?! WHAT USE?! DID YOU COME TO THIS HOUSE WITH SOME AGENDA?!

A MERE 1200 YEARS AGO, MY DWELLING WAS LARGER THAN THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL*.
...
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?! THIS HOUSE IS THE FINEST RESIDENCE IN TOWN!!
I'M NOT SO BORED THAT I WOULD COME TO A SHABBY HOVEL LIKE THIS WITHOUT A REASON.
?!
*HE'S REFERRING TO WHAT IS TODAY KYOTO, BUT HIS CHOICE OF WORDING REFLECTS HIS ARCHAIC FRAME OF REFERENCE.

ALWAYS PUT AWAY DANGEROUS TOOLS.
WHAT THE HELL?!

ENOUGH ABOUT THE PAST. THE ONLY THING THAT INTERESTS ME NOW IS THAT TUMOROUS LAUGHING FACE.
NOT ONLY IS IT STILL ALIVE, IT CONTINUES TO INCREASE ITS POWER AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE EACH TIME IT FINDS A NEW HOST.
IT WAS EVEN AT YOUR DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL TODAY.





INDEED. I DIDN'T ENCOUNTER IT, BUT I DID SET A PLAN IN MOTION. IT WAS A BIT OF A DANGEROUS GAMBLE, THOUGH.
... DANGEROUS?
IS THAT WHY YOU CAME TO SCHOOL, AKAMUSHI?!
!!
!!
AND SUDDENLY, THE GANG'S ALL HERE.
TROMP TROMP

EEEK!
WHAM

EVEN SHIMURA AND SATOMI...?!
YOU GUYS, YOU'RE...
AUGHHH... WHAT'S WITH THESE PEOPLE?!

SHOOMP
AKAMUSHI... I'VE COME BACK.
HEH HEH HEH!

AH!!
IGH!!
SO YOU ARE ALIVE AFTER ALL... I SEE I FAILED TO FINISH THE JOB.
WE CAN SURVIVE DEATH! YOU CAN KILL ONE OF US, BUT WE'LL CONTINUE IF THE REST OF US STILL LIVE

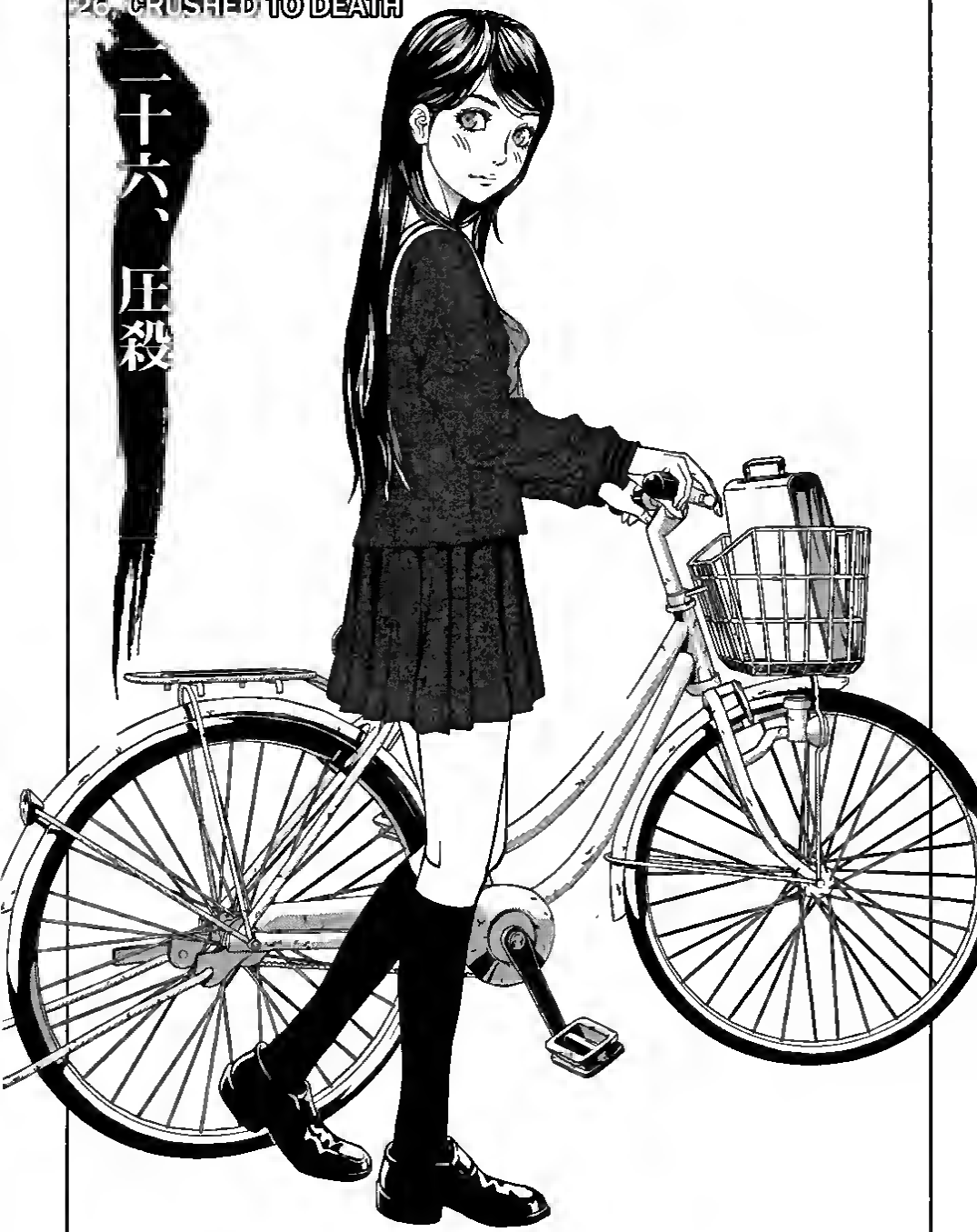
WE'RE ALL ONE
AND THE SAME.

OHH...?

THEN I'LL DO AWAY WITH ALL OF YOU AT ONCE.

26. CRUSHED TO DEATH

二十六、圧殺



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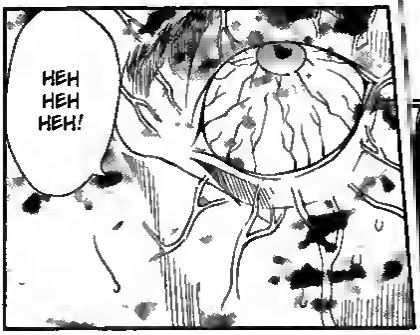
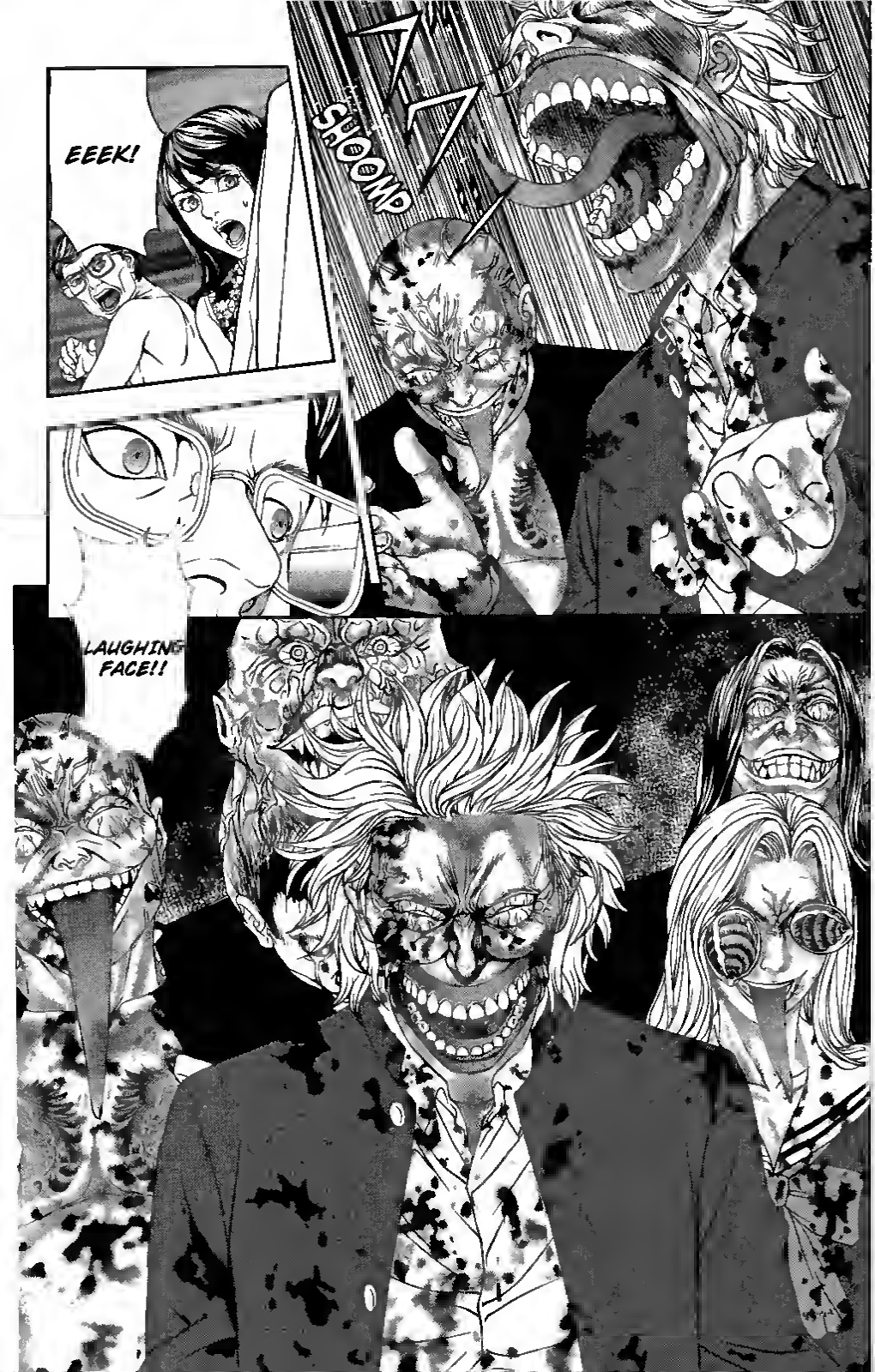

HEH HEH HEH!


EEEK!
SHOOMP
LAUGHING FACE!!

HEEH-EEHE-EHEE!
HYAH HYAH HYAH HYAH!

MHM-HMHM-HM!
THIS IS... A TOUGH ONE.
FWP

SHFF
KHUMP
GYAH!
KHUMP
WOHH!
GWAH-
HHH!!

GUH!
YANK
ALL OF YOU GET COZY, SO WE CAN PUT AN END TO THIS.
SMP
GYEHH!
SQUEEZE

BUT THIS THREAD'S SO THIN!!
STRAIIIN
STRAIN
NOW DIE, IF YOU PLEASE.
DON'T EVEN TRY. NEITHER THE FIRES OF HELL, NOR THE SHARPEST BLADE IN THE WORLD, WILL SEVER MY THREAD.

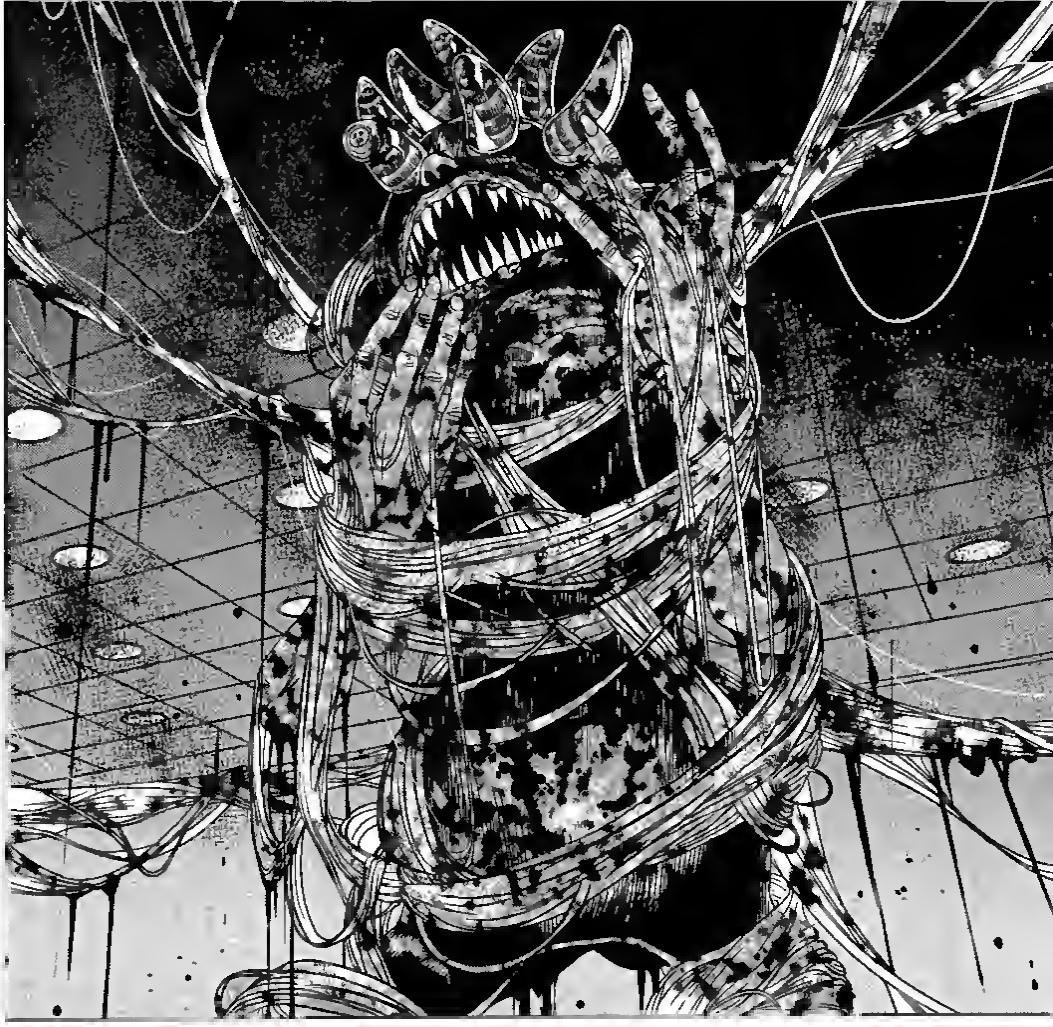
YEEEEE!!
UGAHHH !!

SHWNK
...
HMPH! WHAT IS THIS, A JOKE?!
KH...!
WELL? CAN YOU GET OUT OF YOUR NEW "THREADS"?

HNGG!!
SQUEEZE
UNLESS YOU CAN, YOU'LL BE CRUSHED TO DEATH WITHIN THREE SECONDS. SEE? LIKE THIS.
FWIT
CRACK
TWO SECONDS.
GYAIEEE !!
CRACK

CAN HE DEFEAT IT?!
ONE SECOND.
GYO-HHHH!!
...!!
...!!
BUH... BUH...
KRNCH
K-AK
B-BWAH...

SHPLAT
HE DID IT!!
!



GUHUHUHUH...
WE'VE JUST
BECOME ONE!

...
WHAT...
IS THAT?!

...
AKAMU-SHI'S THREADS!!
IT BIT THROUGH THEM!!
SHRIP
GAH!
SHRIP
SHRIP
GOOO, GOOO!

THOSE THREADS WERE GOOD.
LUNGE
BUT IT STILL WASN'T ENOUGH!!

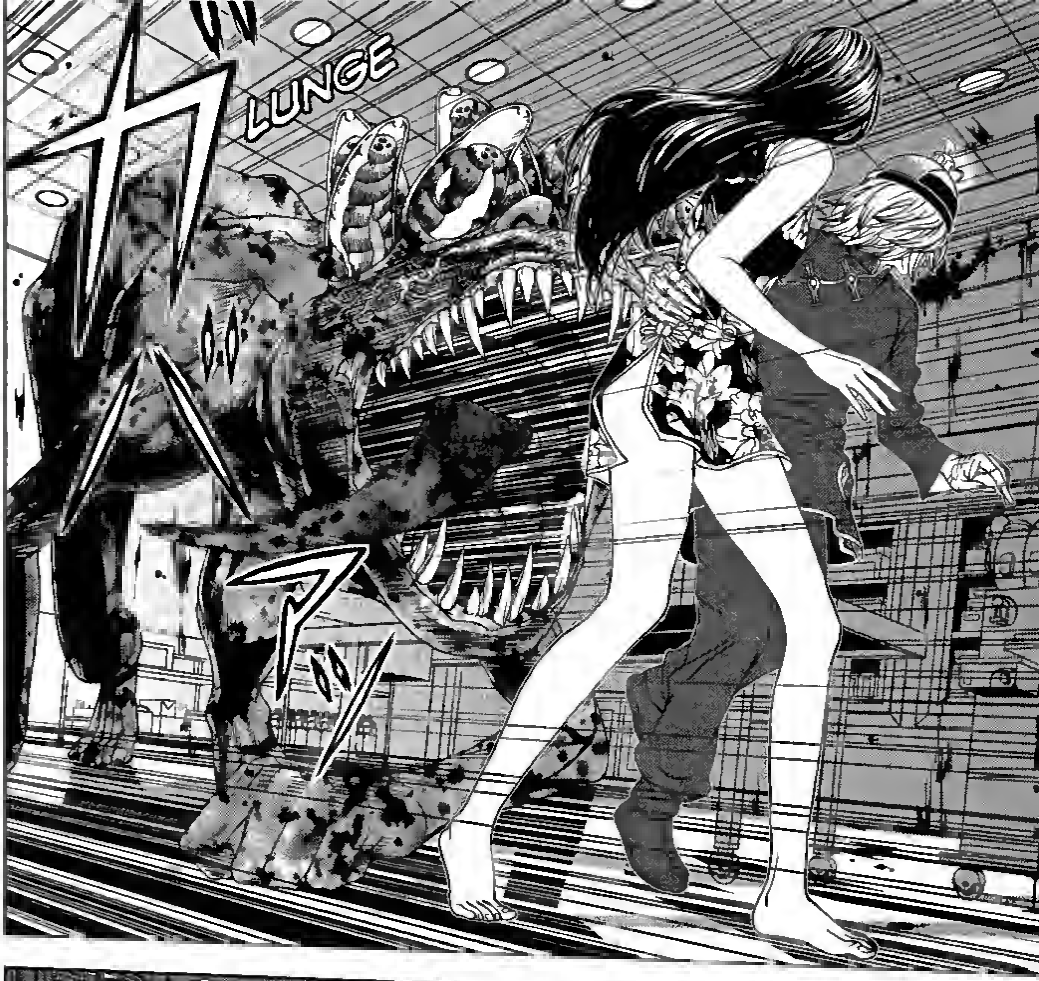
NOOO!!
IT'LL SWAL-LOW US!!
AUGHHH!!
CHOMP
GULP

PUH!!

HN?

I APOLOGIZE, I WASN'T QUICK ENOUGH TO SAVE YOUR FATHER.

RUN!! NOT EVEN YOU CAN HANDLE THAT THING, NOW!!
NO, I STILL CAN.
STOP BEING A SORE LOSER!!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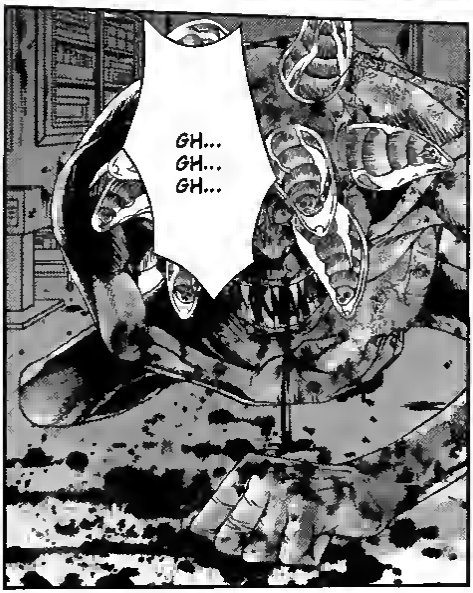

GH...
GH...
GH...

EEEK!
AKAMUSHI!!

SPIDERS ...INSIDE ME!! THEY'RE EATING... EATING ME!!
WHAM!!!
GYEHHHH!!
SIT.
...A CONTRACT!!
WE DID ENTER INTO A CONTRACT. YOU WERE TO NEVER TRIFLE WITH THIS GIRL AGAIN.

YOU WOULD PROBABLY HAVE KEPT EVOLVING... THEN, NOT EVEN MY POWER COULD HAVE STOPPED YOU.

BUT NOW, I CAN STILL MAKE YOU FOOD FOR MY SPIDERS.
GEEYAHHH!!
STOP...!!
MAKE IT STOPPP!!
GYOOHOE GUHOHHH...

SLUMP

THE SPIDERS DIED TOO. THOUGH... THE LAUGHING FACE'S FLESH WAS STARTING TO BECOME A DEADLY POISON.

THAT'S THAT.

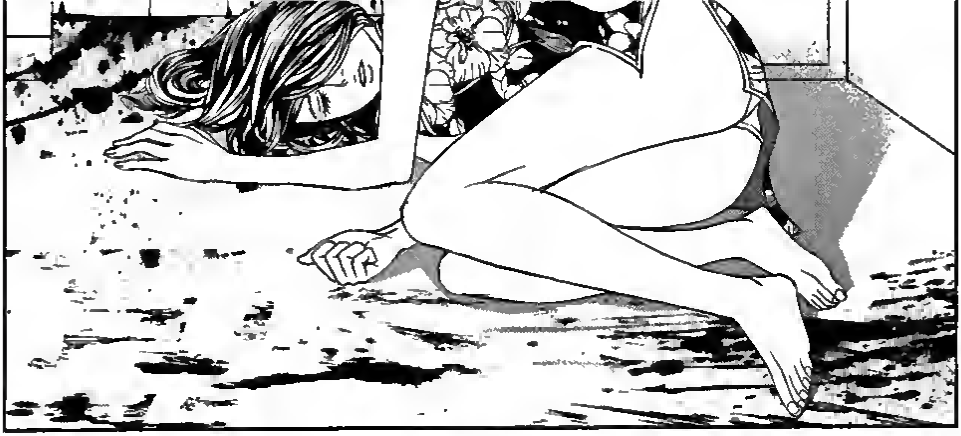
...
...IS IT REALLY OVER?
WHAT ENDED UP HAPPENING TO DAD? WHAT ABOUT MOM? AND GRANDDAD?
HE... HE...
...IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T ANSWER.

HE'S RIGHT HERE!!
...!!

THE BULLIES WERE RIGHT!!
WELL? IS IT TOO LATE?
THIS ONE'S PERSIS-TENT...

I CAN'T DO IT. IT'S BEYOND MY POWER ALONE, NOW
AH... AHH...

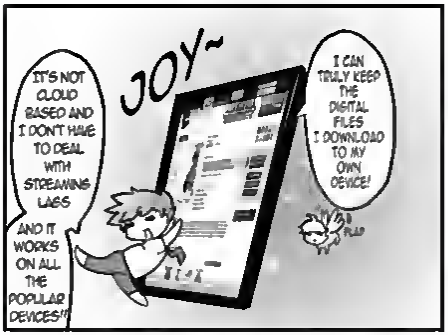
...HM? COULD THAT MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO ASK HIM FOR HELP...?
WHAT AN EXCITABLE GIRL. DIDN'T I SAY IT'S BEYOND MY POWER ALONE?
...
AHAH! GOOD IDEA! YOU LIKE THIS GIRL THAT MUCH, DO YOU?

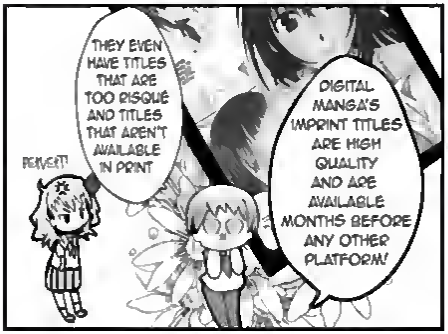


BE QUIET.

manga I'M LOVIN' IT!

I MIGHT HAVE TO SKIM THROUGH THEIR LIBRARY
FOR THIS HIGH QUALITY MANGA IT'S WORTH THE PRICE.
WOW. THEY DO HAVE WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!!


IT'S NOT CLOUD BASED AND I DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH STREAMING LAGS
AND IT WORKS ON ALL THE POPULAR DEVICES!!
JOY~
I CAN TRULY KEEP THE DIGITAL FILES I DOWNLOAD TO MY OWN DEVICE!
FLIP


PERVERT!
THEY EVEN HAVE TITLES THAT ARE TOO RISQUE AND TITLES THAT AREN'T AVAILABLE IN PRINT
DIGITAL MANGA'S IMPRINT TITLES ARE HIGH QUALITY AND ARE AVAILABLE MONTHS BEFORE ANY OTHER PLATFORM!

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manga THE WAY TO GO!

WHERE-
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ON THERE ALREADY!!
WHY ARE ALL MY MANGA NOT AVAILABLE ON THE XYZ SITE?
BOO HOO-
NOT PAYING ATTENTION

DID YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR DEVICE?
I WAS GOING TO SHOW YOU SOME TROUBLE-SHOOTING
YEA. I COULDA SWORN THAT MANGA WAS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD BUT IT ISN'T THERE
AHHH!
OH! IT'S YARU-SENPAI!

THEY CARRY A WIDE SELECTION OF ALL THEIR IMPRINTS AND MORE!
THEN GO TO EMANGA.COM.
THEY HAVE ALL THE TITLES YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

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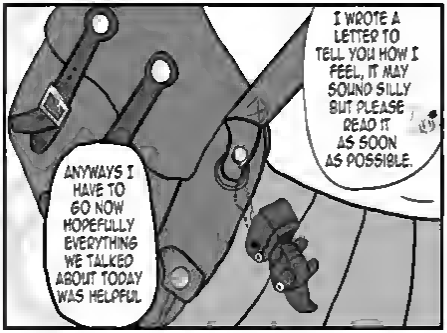
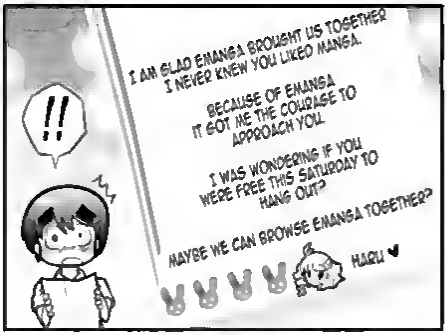
TAIKI-CHAN
THERE WAS SOMETHING I ALWAYS WANTED TO TELL YOU.
DON'T TELL ME JOINING EMANGA WASN'T ENOUGH FOR HER
WHEN I SAW YOU WERE SO UPSET, THAT'S WHEN I SAW THE OPPURTUNITY TO HAND YOU THIS


I WROTE A LETTER TO TELL YOU HOW I FEEL, IT MAY SOUND SILLY BUT PLEASE READ IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ANYWAYS I HAVE TO GO NOW HOPEFULLY EVERYTHING WE TALKED ABOUT TODAY WAS HELPFUL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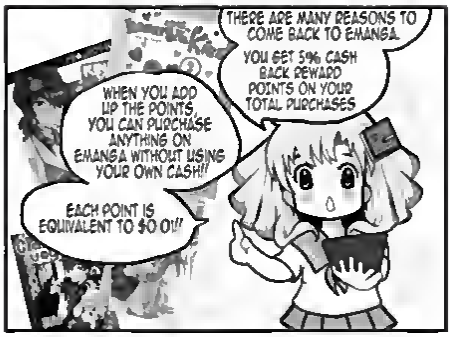
I AM GLAD EMANGA BROUGHT US TOGETHER I NEVER KNEW YOU LIKED MANGA.
BECAUSE OF EMANGA IT GOT ME THE COURAGE TO APPROACH YOU.
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE FREE THIS SATURDAY TO HANG OUT?
MAYBE WE CAN BROWSE EMANGA TOGETHER?
HARU

See you at eManga! (www.eManga.com)


THERE ARE MANY REASONS TO COME BACK TO EMANGA.
YOU GET 5% CASH BACK REWARD POINTS ON YOUR TOTAL PURCHASES
WHEN YOU ADD UP THE POINTS, YOU CAN PURCHASE ANYTHING ON EMANGA WITHOUT USING YOUR OWN CASH!!
EACH POINT IS EQUIVALENT TO $0.01!!

NOW DO YOU SEE WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO EMANGA?
THERE ARE ALSO MANY FEATURES TO CHECK OUT AND EXPLORE
MY FAVORITE IS EMANGA'S ADORABLE MASCOT, DINOBYTE!!

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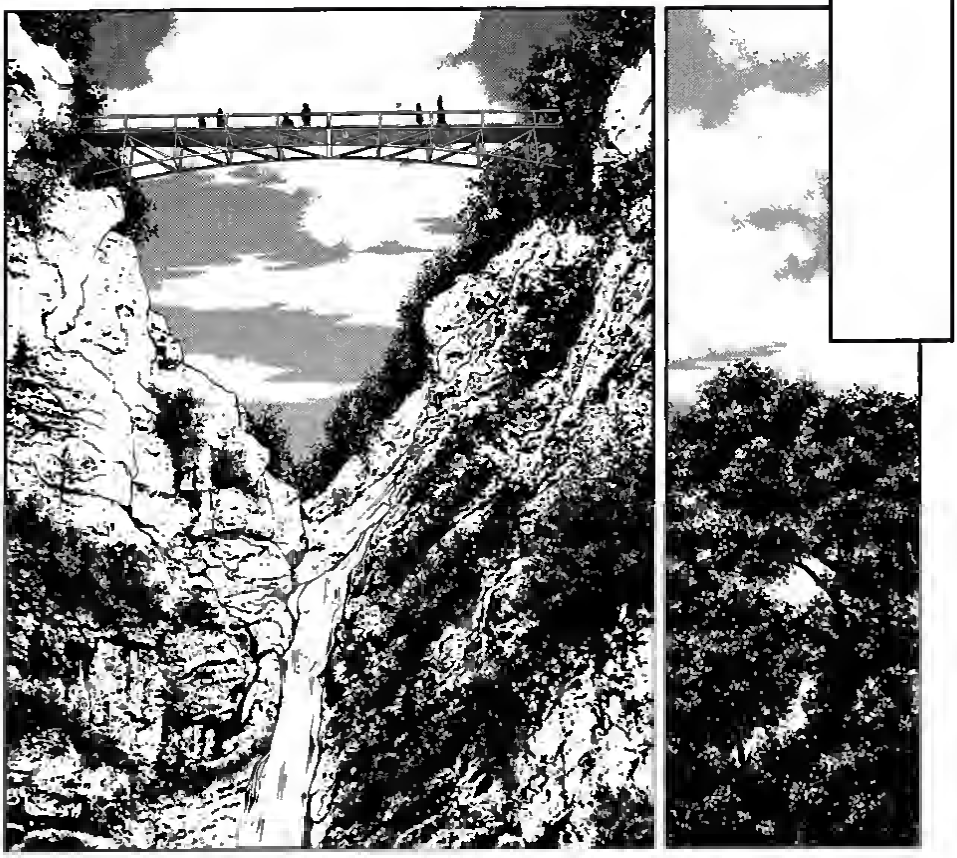
27. ENTER TAIMA
二十七、大摩登場
THEY GOT AWAY...
I'LL DESTROY EVERY PART OF THIS FAMILY... I WON'T EVEN SPARE THE GIRL.



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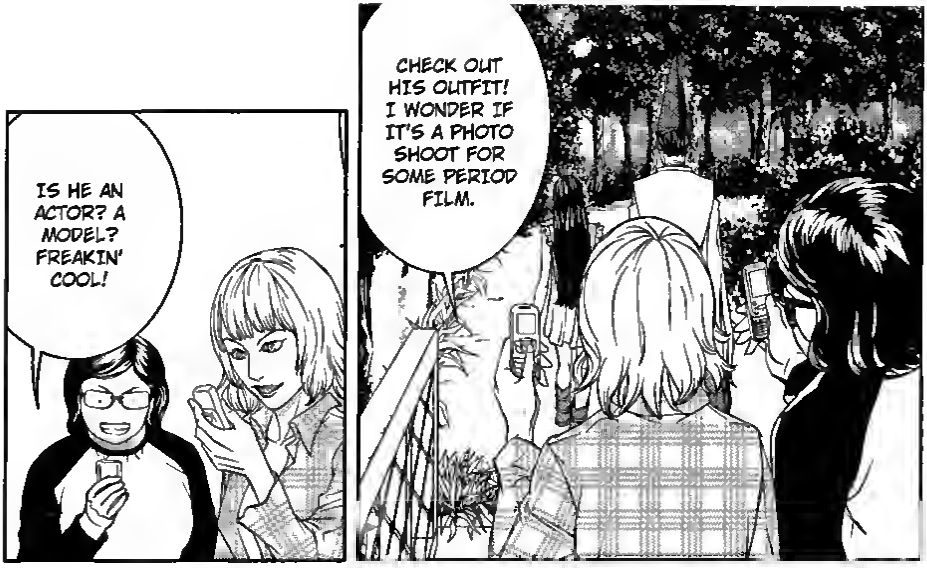
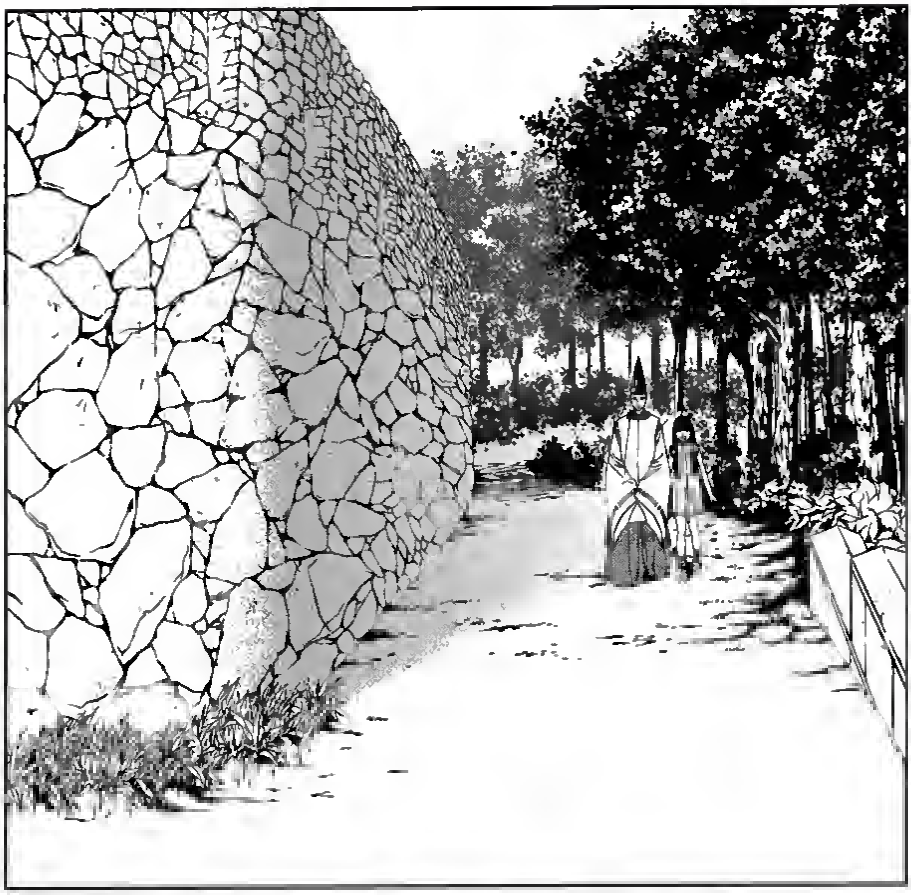
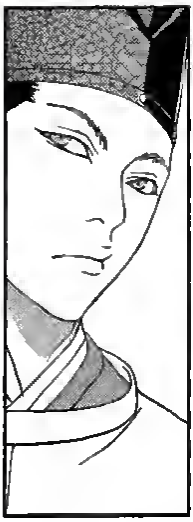

IS HE AN ACTOR? A MODEL? FREAKIN' COOL!
CHECK OUT HIS OUTFIT! I WONDER IF IT'S A PHOTO SHOOT FOR SOME PERIOD FILM.





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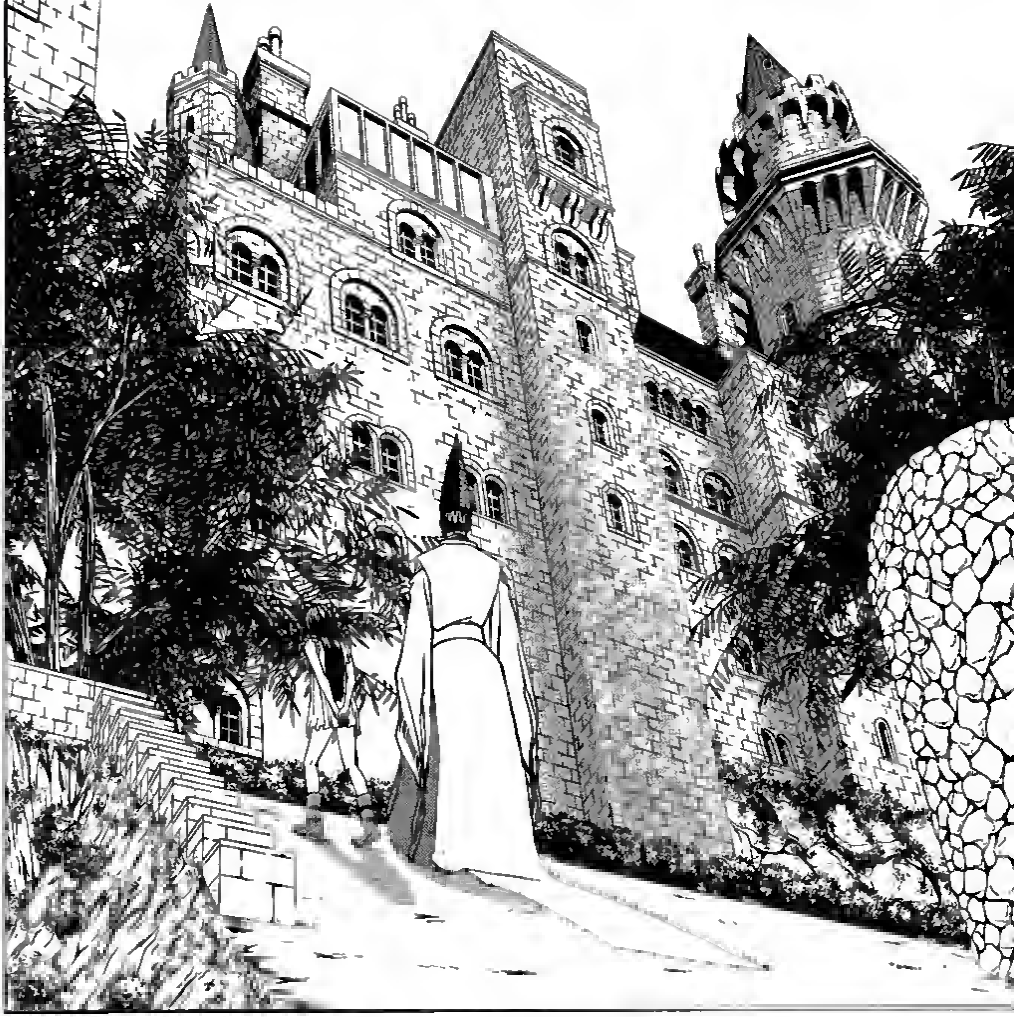
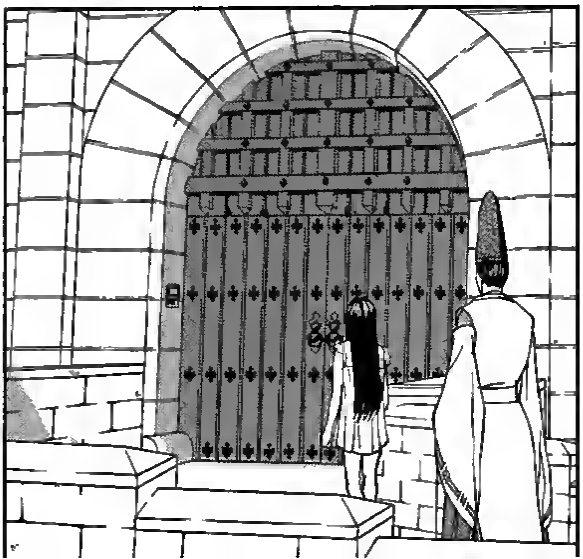
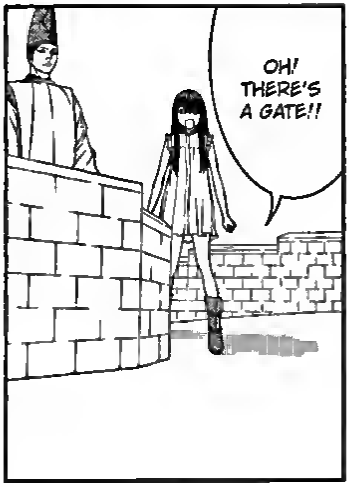
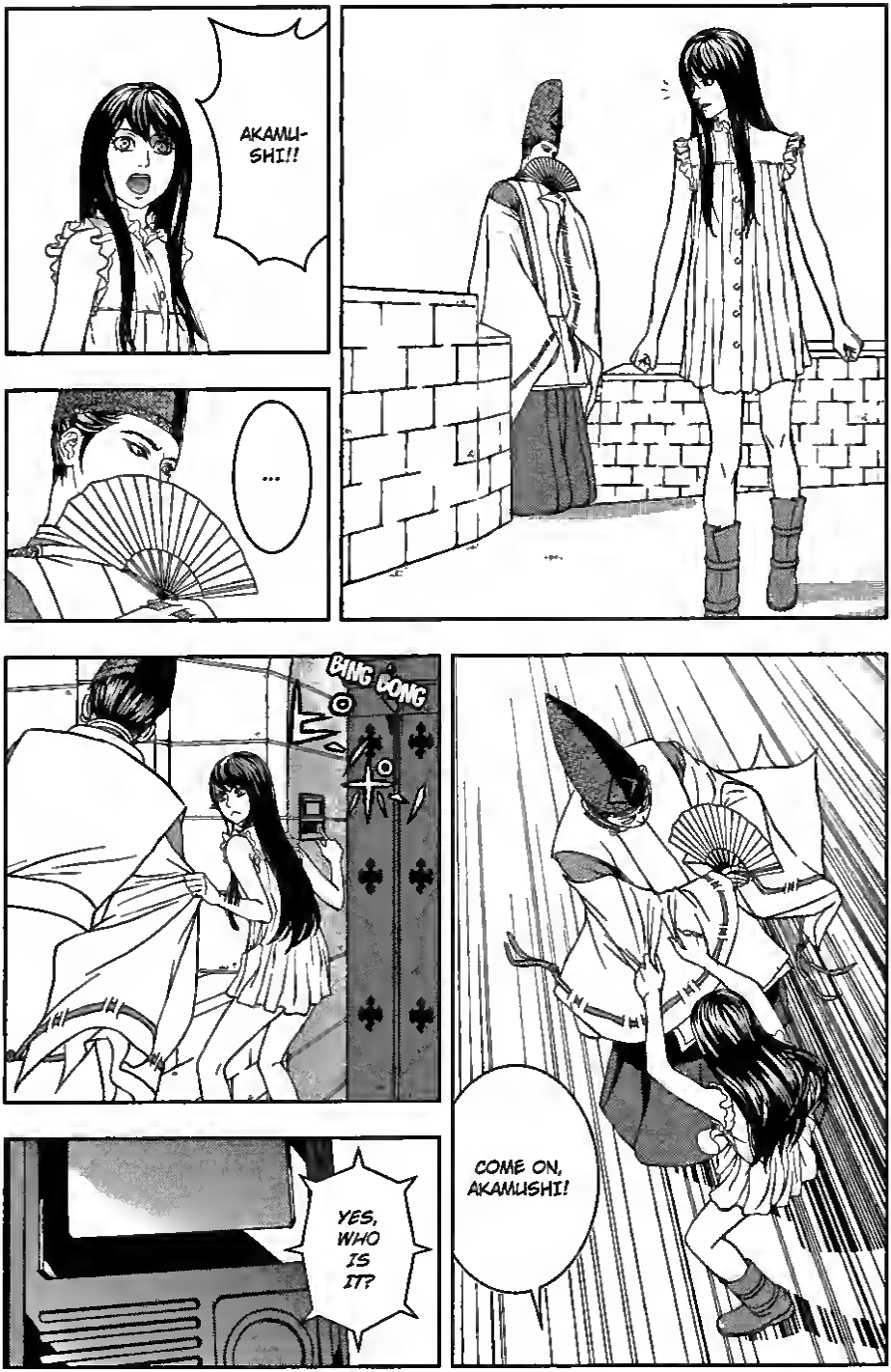
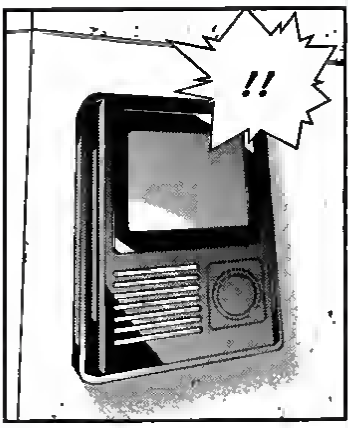
HOW FAR DOES THIS WALL KEEP GOING?






OH! THERE'S A GATE!!


AKAMU-
SHI!!
...
BING BONG
YES,
WHO
IS
IT?
COME ON,
AKAMUSHI!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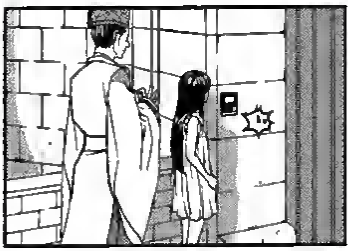
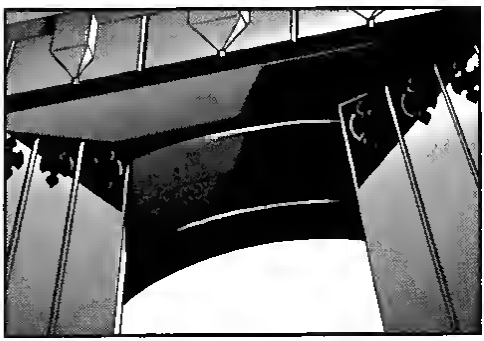
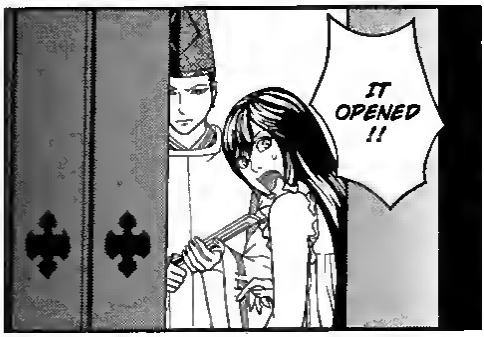


AKAMUSHI FUJI-WARA!

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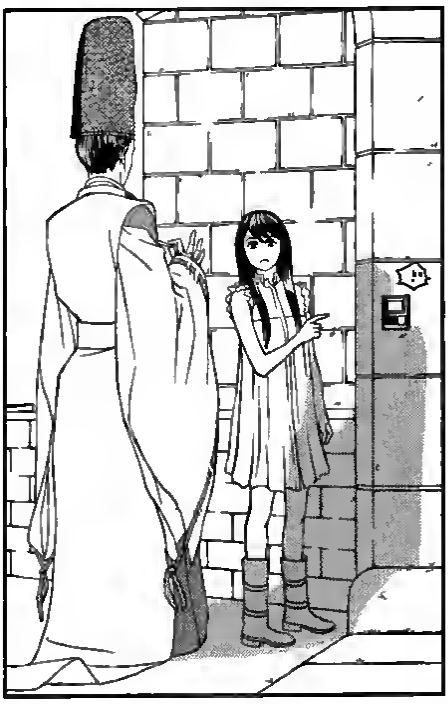
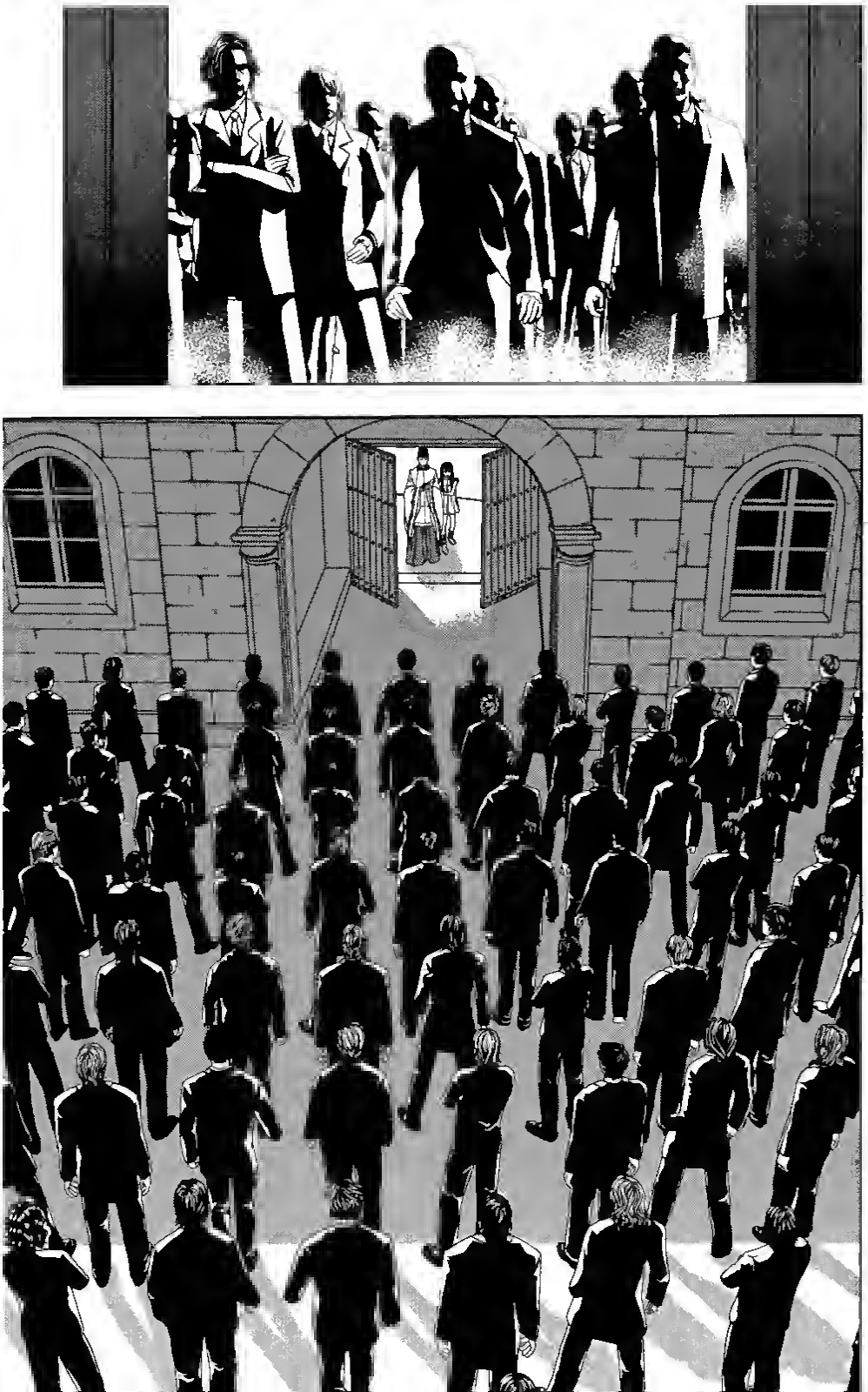
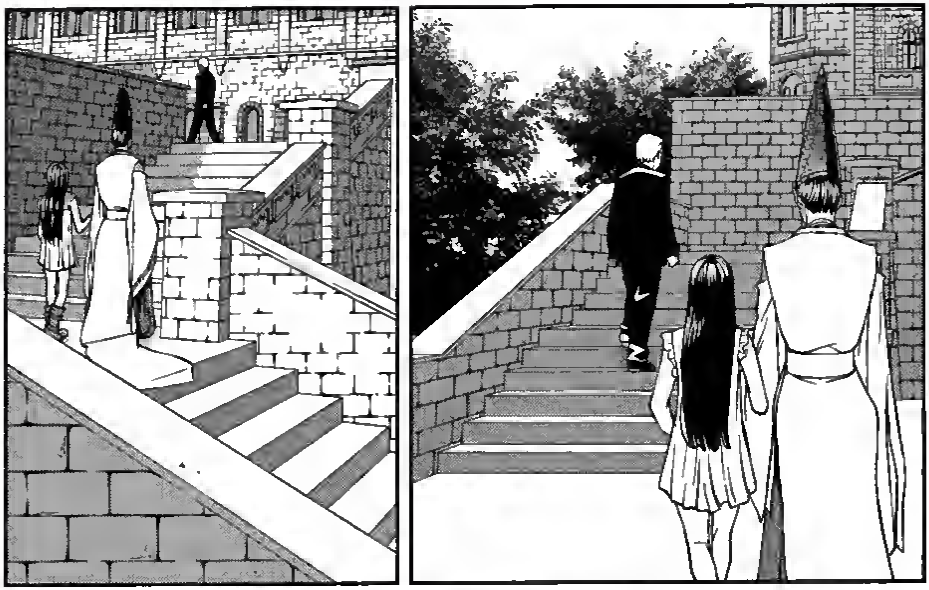
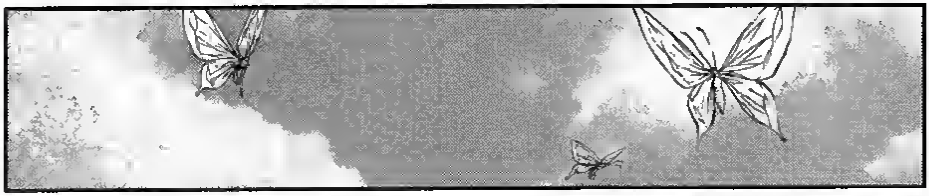
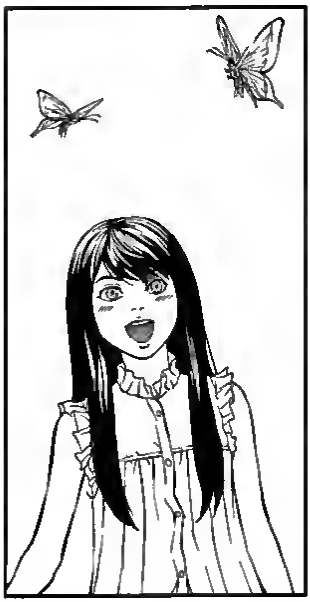


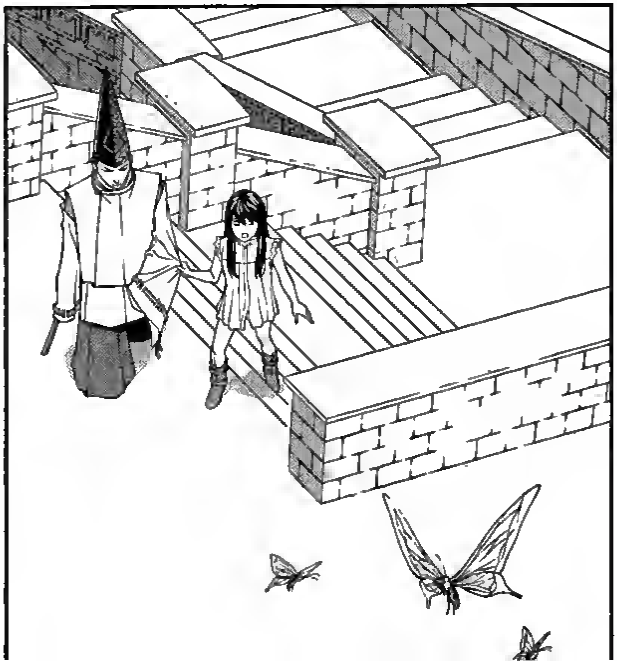


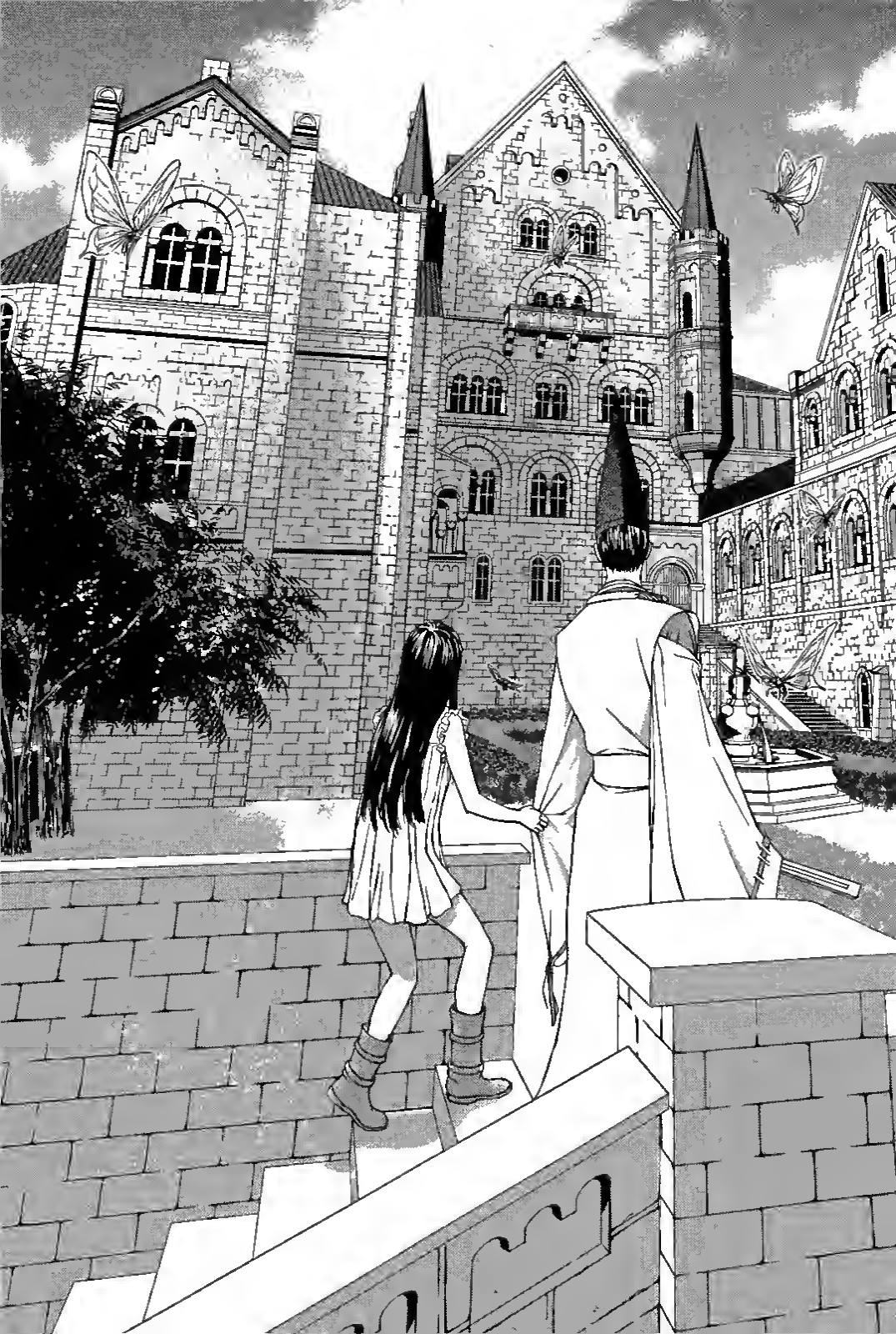
I WILL LEAD YOU TO THE MASTER.
...
HUMANS APPARENTLY WISH TO BECOME GODS ONCE THEY GROW WEALTHY.





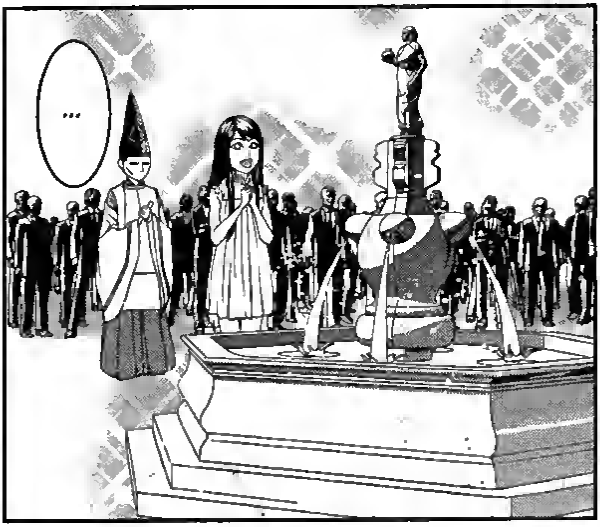






AS I SAID BEFORE, 1200 YEARS AGO, MY DWELLING WAS LARGER THAN THE IMPE-RIAL...
AH!! A FOUN-TAIN!!

WOW! SO EX-TRAVA-GANT!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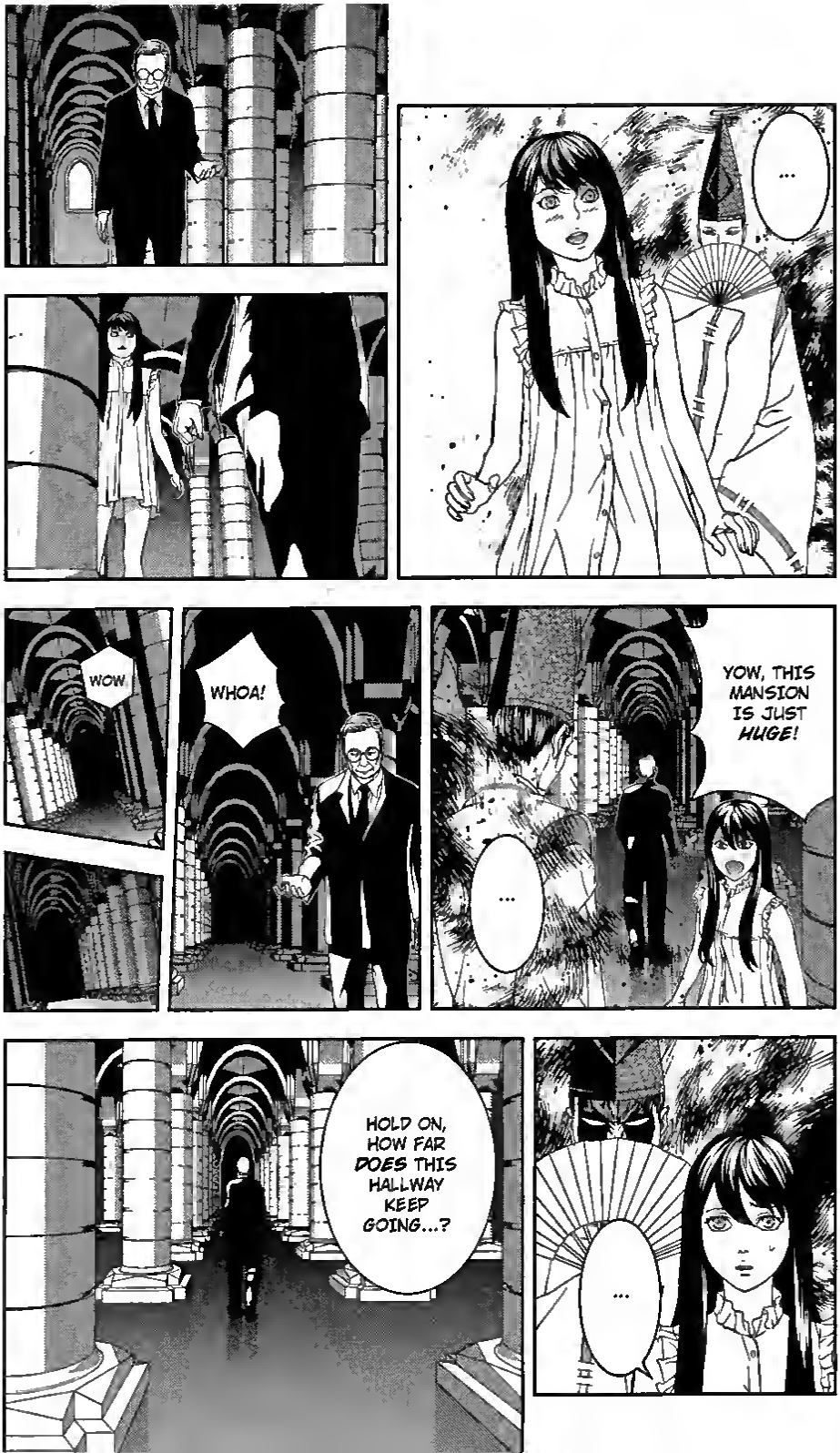
WHAT A LONG HALLWAY!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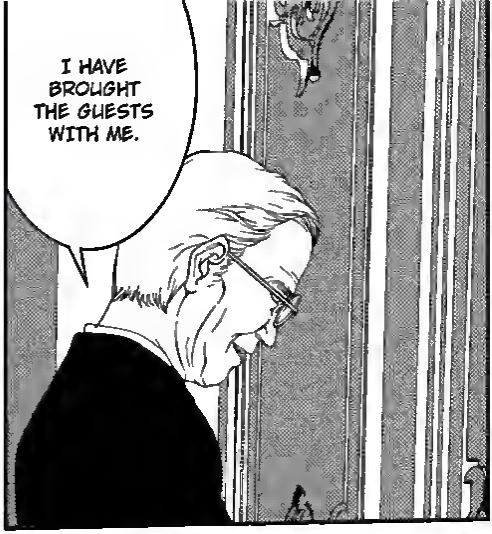
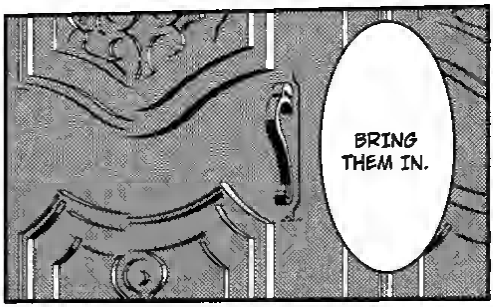
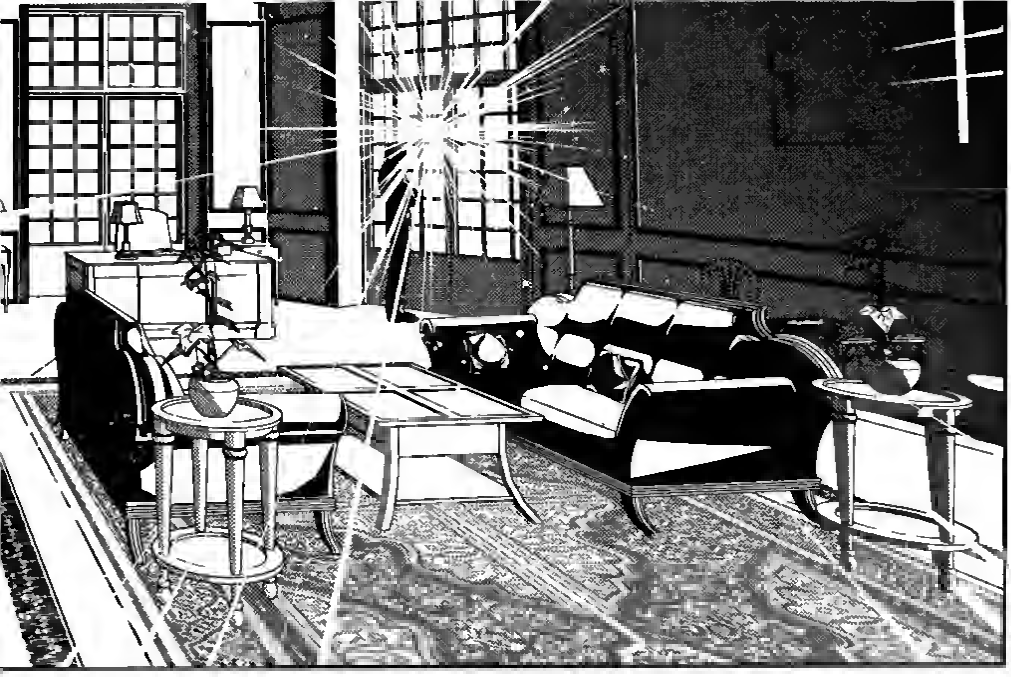
WOW.
WHOA!
YOW, THIS MANSION IS JUST HUGE!
...
HOLD ON, HOW FAR DOES THIS HALLWAY KEEP GOING...?
...


I HAVE BROUGHT THE GUESTS WITH ME.


BRING THEM IN.

THAT'S BRIGHT!



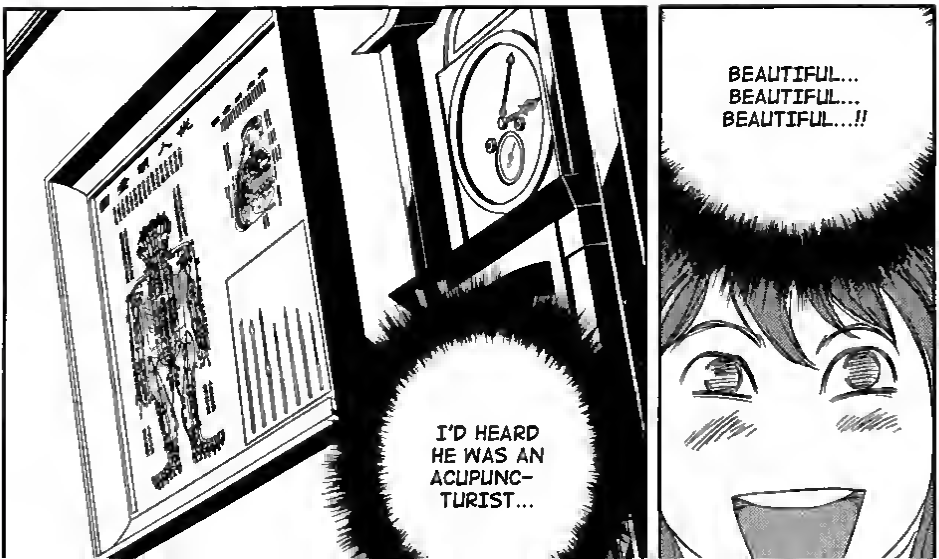
AH...
AH...
AH...
WHAT A PRETTY FACE...

YOU'RE LOOKING WELL, AKAMUSHI.

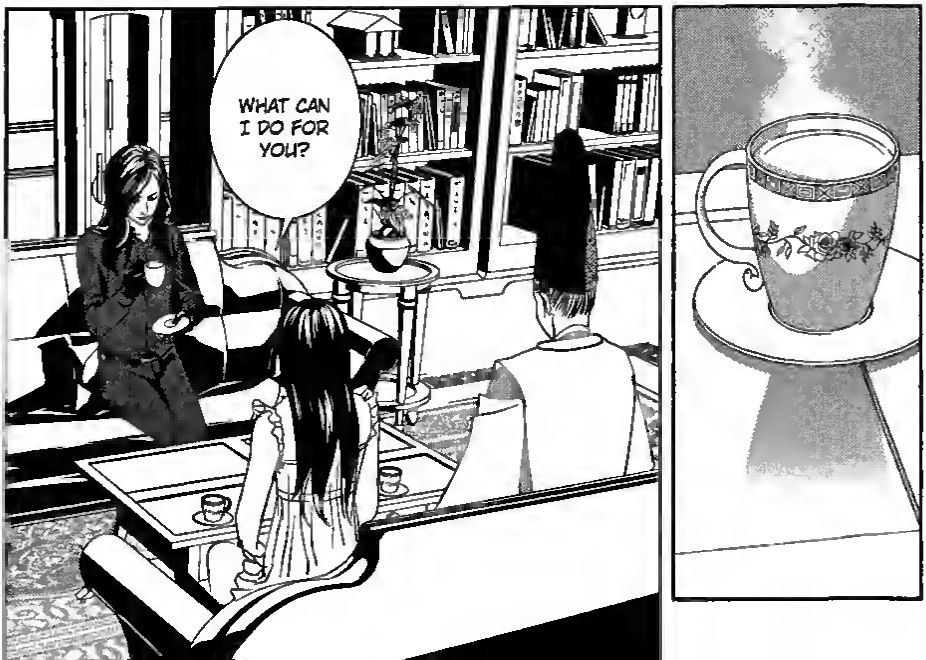
I NEVER THOUGHT THERE COULD BE ANYONE AS BEAUTIFUL AS AKAMUSHI...!!

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
H-HELLO!! MY NAME IS MIDORI KUROSAWA!!
BOW
HUH?!

WELCOME, MISS.

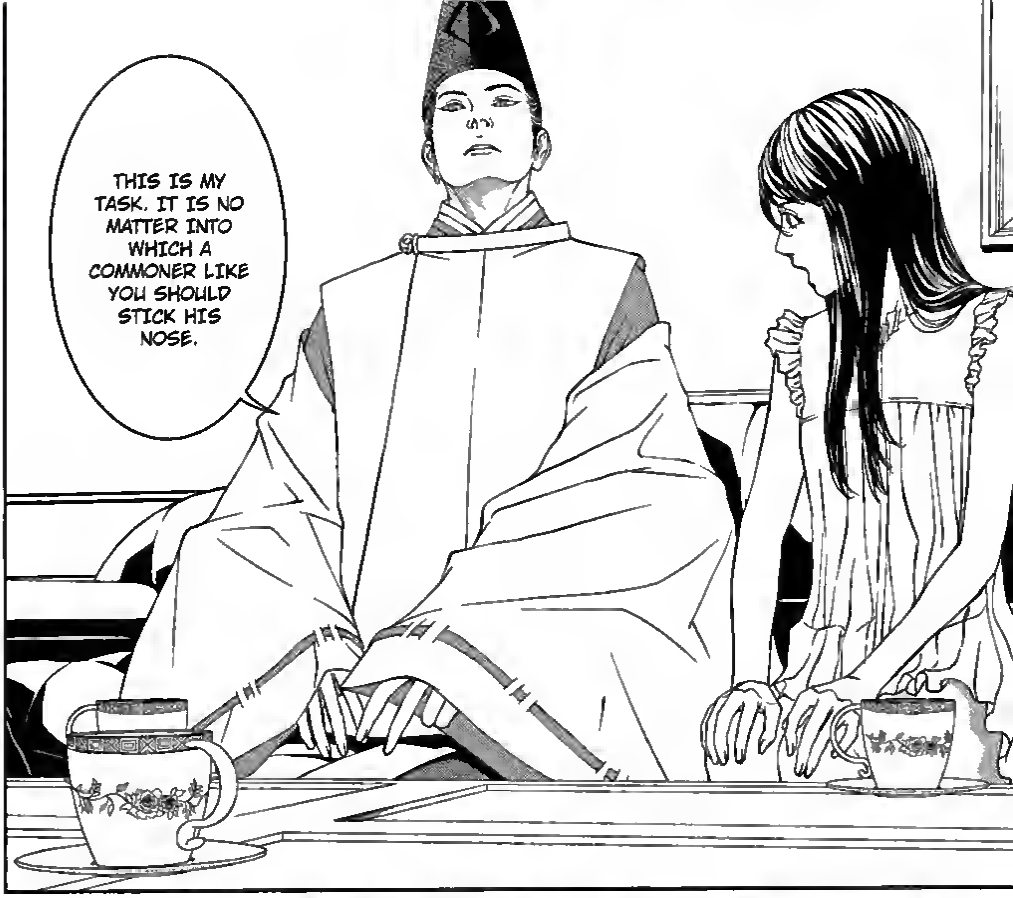

I'D HEARD HE WAS AN ACUPUNC-TURIST...
BEAUTIFUL... BEAUTIFUL... BEAUTIFUL...!!

BUT I BET ANY WOMAN WOULD FAINT IF SOMEBODY THAT DREAMY STUCK THEM WITH A NEEDLE!
HMPH!


WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

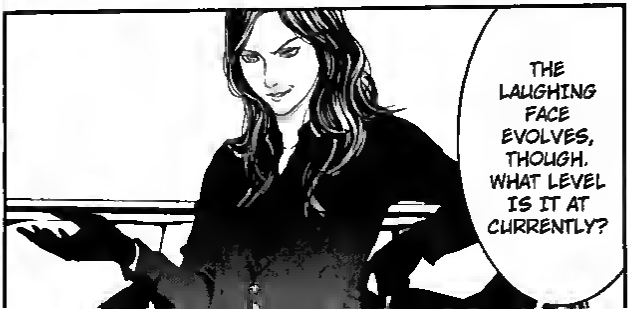
HUH?
I'LL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT. I WANT YOU TO TEACH ME ACUPUNC-TURE.
...OF COURSE.
I ASSUME YOU KNOW OF A TUMOR CALLED THE LAUGHING FACE?
THIS GIRL HAS BEEN POSSESSED BY IT.

THAT'S UNFORTUNATE. IN THAT CASE, I'LL TREAT HER.
NO, YOU WON'T.
HUHH ?!


THIS IS MY TASK. IT IS NO MATTER INTO WHICH A COMMONER LIKE YOU SHOULD STICK HIS NOSE.

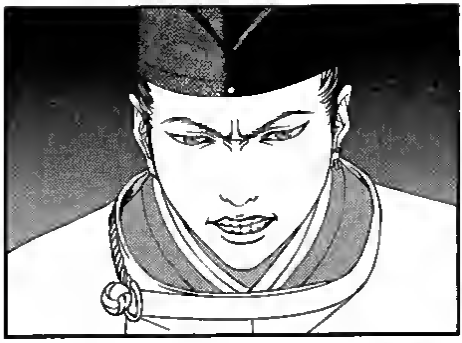
MIDORI, SHOW HIM.

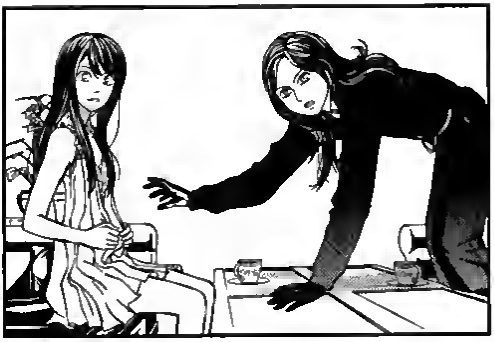
THAT'S A FINE THING TO SAY, WHEN YOU'RE HERE ASKING FOR A FAVOR.

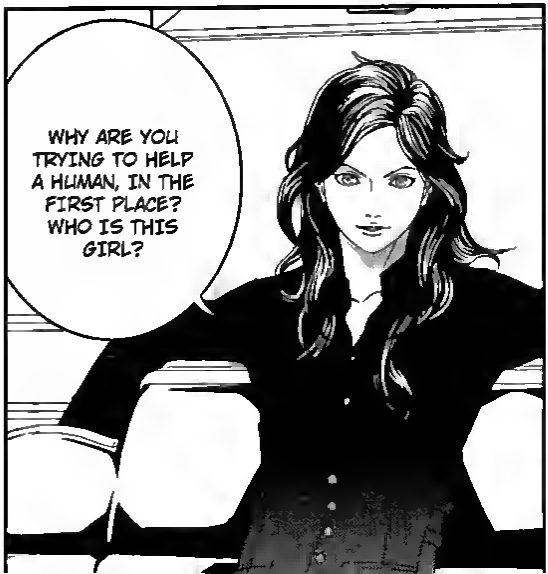

THE LAUGHING FACE EVOLVES, THOUGH. WHAT LEVEL IS IT AT CURRENTLY?

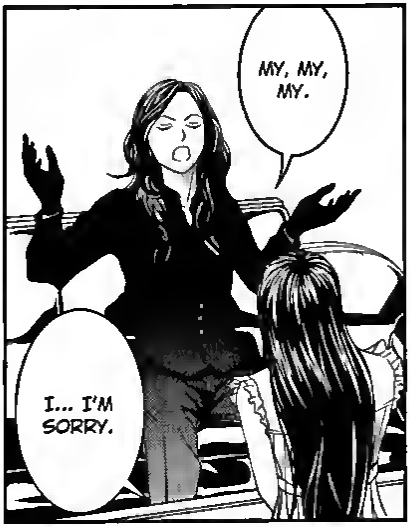
THERE'S NOTHING THERE.
IT'S BEEN HIDING SINCE TWO DAYS AGO.
HMM...
DESPITE A HUMBLE BIRTH, A MAN CAN STILL POSSESS BEAUTY.
SO THE GIRL IS CLEARLY EMBARRASSED. HURRY AND EXAMINE HER!
REACH

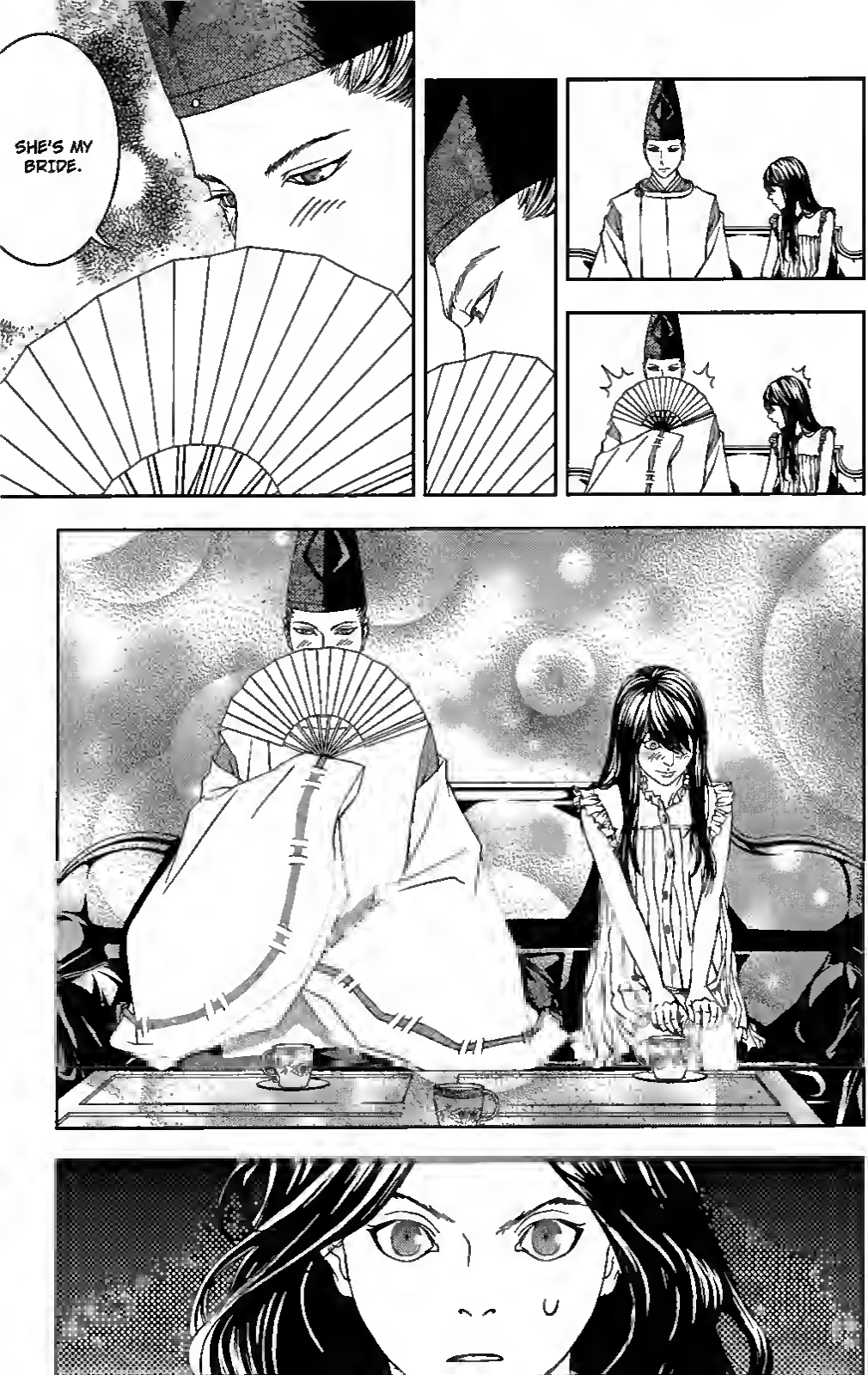
DON'T TOUCH HER WITH YOUR VULGAR HANDS!!






WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO HELP A HUMAN, IN THE FIRST PLACE? WHO IS THIS GIRL?


MY, MY, MY.
I... I'M SORRY.


SHE'S MY BRIDE.

...
VERY WELL, THEN.
LEAN

...!!
LIFT
...!!

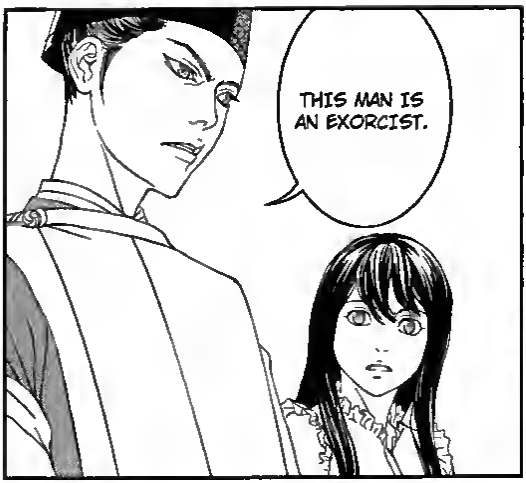
I'LL SCHOOL YOU IN THE NEEDLES OF EXORCISM

EXACTLY WHAT IS THERE BETWEEN YOU TWO?

UM...

28, THE SADISTIC ACUPUNCTURIST

I'LL SCHOOL YOU IN THE NEEDLES OF EXORCISM.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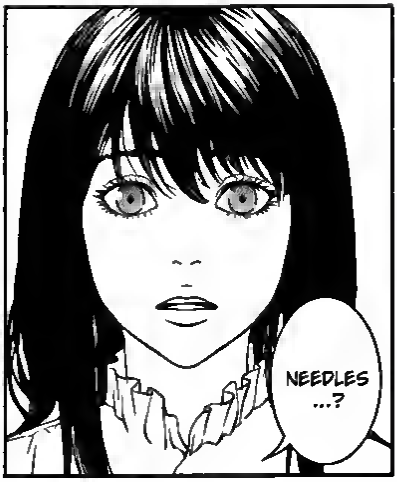
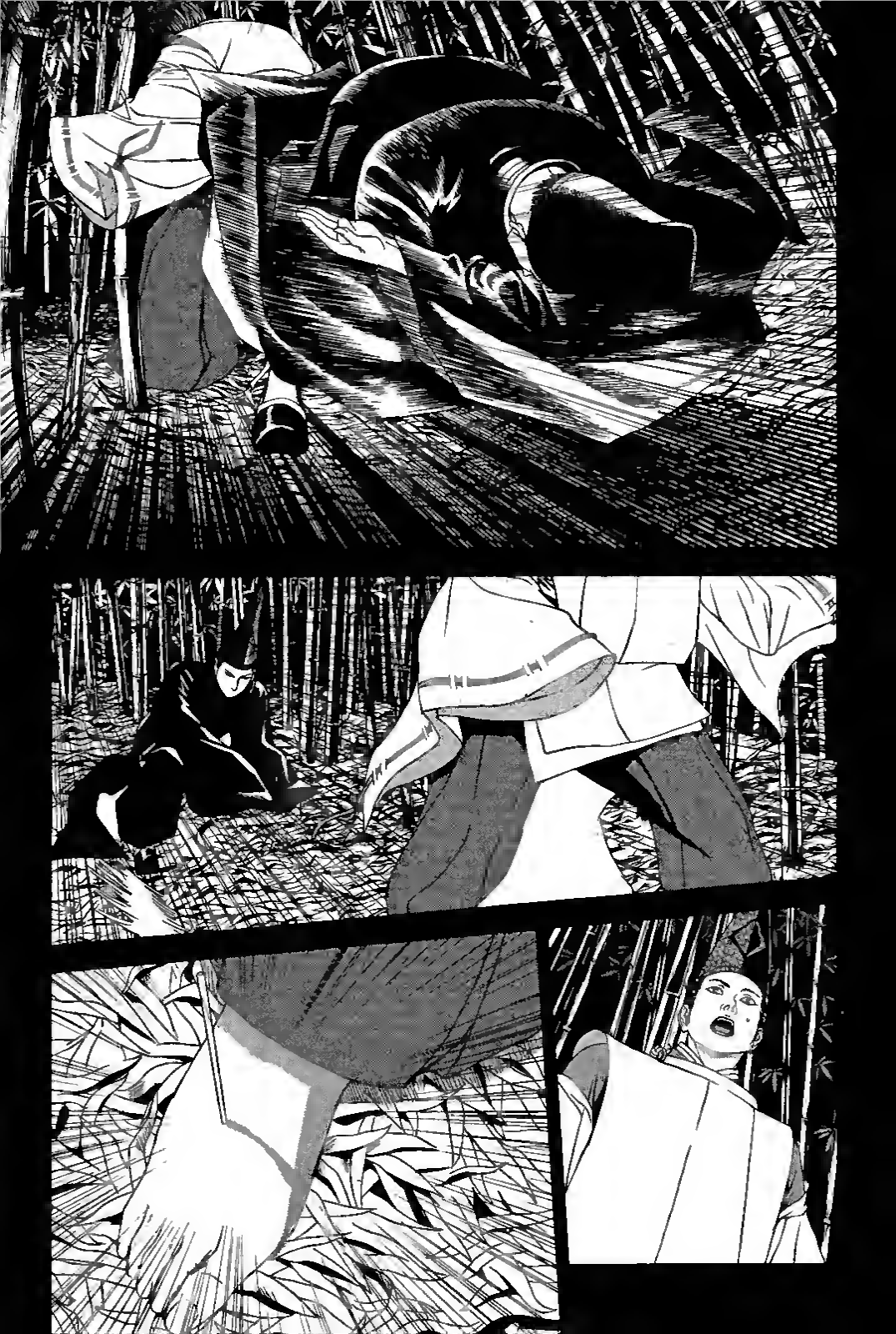

NEEDLES ...?

TEXT: TAIMA STYLE
HE'S THE DESCENDANT OF A GOVERNMENT EXORCIST TASKED WITH ELIMINATING A DEMON A THOUSAND YEARS AGO...
AS A BELATED INTRODUCTION, MY NAME IS TAIMA, LEADER OF TAIMA STYLE ACUPUNCTURE AND MOXIBUSTION.
WH-WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH YOU ...?

I--AKAMUSHI FUJIWARA--WAS ONE OF THE FUJIWARAS KNOWN FOR THEIR INFLUENCE IN THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL

WHOOM

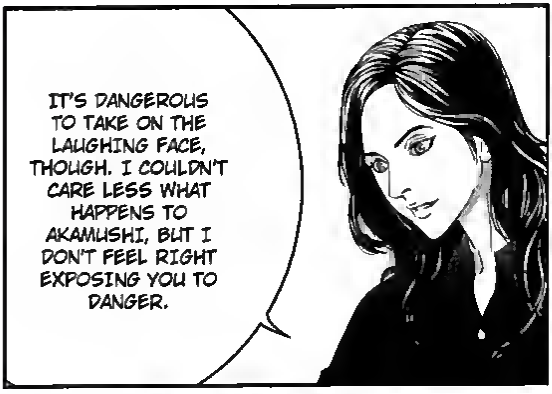
SHOOM



I WAS SEALED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS BY THE TAIMASHIN NEEDLES OF THIS MAN'S ANCESTOR DOUJI TAIMA.

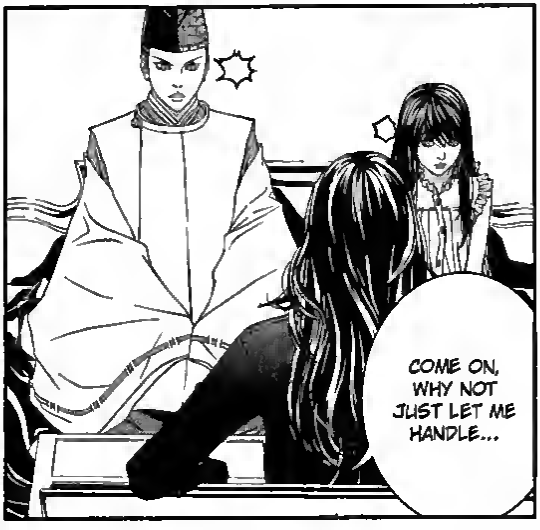
TAIMASHIN...
SEALED FOR A THOUSAND YEARS? BUT AKAMUSHI'S SO STRONG...
MHM-HMHM-HM.
YOU SADIST ...
FWIP
CONSIDERING THE LAUGHING FACE'S RATE OF EVOLUTION,
THIS IS GOING TO BE QUITE AN INTENSE LESSON. GET READY, I'M GOING TO WORK YOU TO THE BONE.
YOU'LL TEACH HER ALONG WITH ME. SHE SEEMS TO WANT TO HELP HUMANS IN THE SAME PLIGHT AS HERS. IT'S COMMENDABLE OF HER.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MISS?

MOM WAS... TOUGH WITH ME. BUT SHE'S THE ONE WHO GAVE ME LIFE. I WANT TO HELP HER.
"COMMENDABLE" ...?
MY MOM'S BEEN POSSESSED BY THE LAUGHING FACE, AND SHE STILL HASN'T COME BACK HOME.

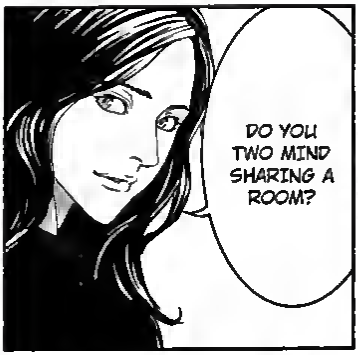

IT'S DANGEROUS TO TAKE ON THE LAUGHING FACE, THOUGH. I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT HAPPENS TO AKAMUSHI, BUT I DON'T FEEL RIGHT EXPOSING YOU TO DANGER.

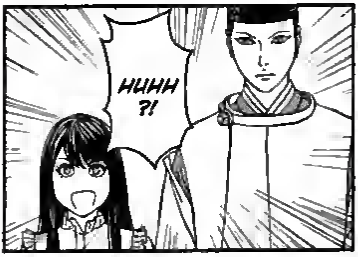
YOU'RE QUITE THE AD-MIRABLE GIRL.

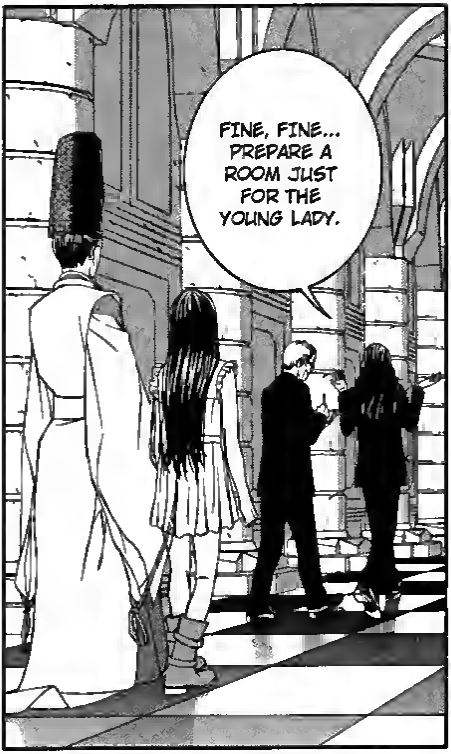
I REFUSE!

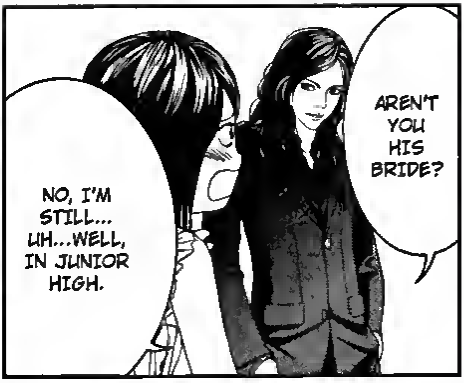

COME ON, WHY NOT JUST LET ME HANDLE...

HE'S THE ONE WHO SAVED ME! I'M FINE WITH LEAVING EVERYTHING UP TO JUST ONE SAVIOR!
PLEASE HURRY AND TEACH US YOUR "NEEDLES"!
VERY WELL.
THIS GUY'S... SCARIER THAN AKAMU-SHI...
SHUDDER
WE'LL BEGIN YOUR TRAINING TOMORROW. I'LL HAVE A PLACE PREPARED FOR YOU TO SLEEP.
STAND


DO YOU TWO MIND SHARING A ROOM?


HUHH ?!


FINE, FINE... PREPARE A ROOM JUST FOR THE YOUNG LADY.


AREN'T YOU HIS BRIDE?
NO, I'M STILL... UH...WELL, IN JUNIOR HIGH.

YOU NEEDN'T CONCERN YOURSELF. I DON'T WISH TO SLEEP IN THIS MANSION OF POOR TASTE.

"AHAH! GOOD IDEA! YOU LIKE THIS GIRL THAT MUCH, DO YOU?"
"I'M FINE WITH LEAVING EVERY-THING UP TO JUST ONE SAVIOR!"
"I WANT TO BE YOUR BRIDE!!"
"WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO HELP A HUMAN, IN THE FIRST PLACE? WHO IS THIS GIRL?"
MIDORI...

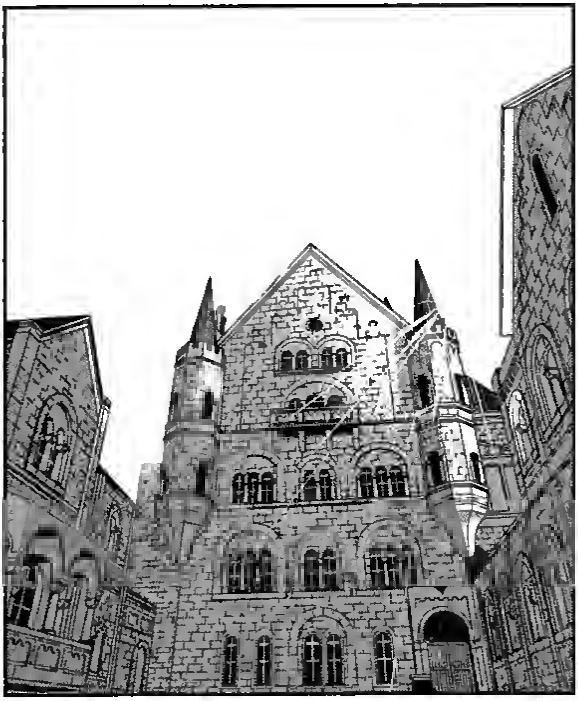
KCHA
THAT FELT NICE.

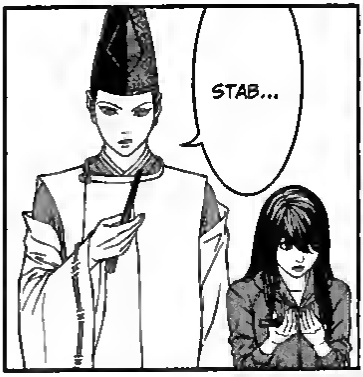
STOP IT...
STOP IT!!

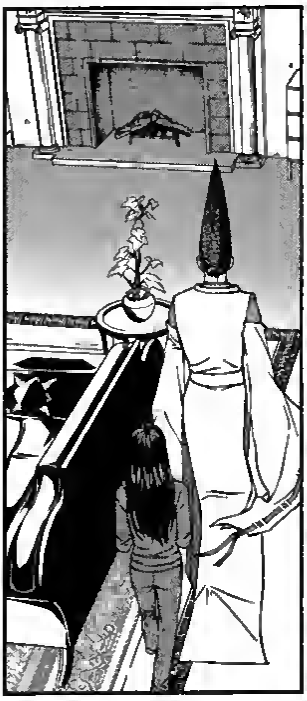
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU DO!!
NOBODY CAN SAVE YOU AT ALL!!

LAUGHING FACE!!
HEH HEH HEH HEH!
EEHE-EHEE-HEE!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!!

GO AHEAD AND STAB.



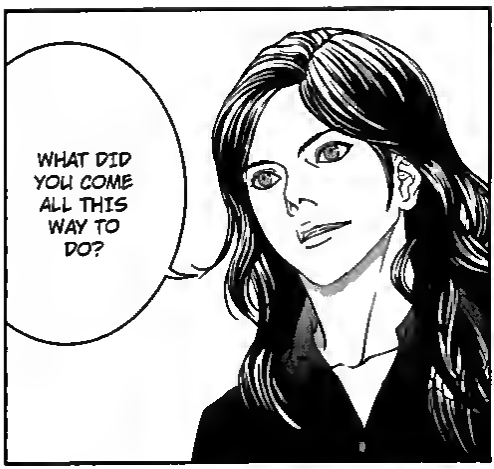

STAB...



IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN STAB, JUST GO ON AND TRY STABBING IT.

ALL RIGHT...
OH!

WHAT?!
THAT WAS CRAP.
WOW! IT WAS SO SLOW, BUT YOU WENT RIGHT THROUGH THE VASE...!
YOU'RE TRYING TOO HARD TO LOOK GOOD. THAT'S A DISHONEST WAY TO REEL IN PA-TIENTS.
...!


WHAT DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO DO?

AH...AHA HAH...
...
AHHHH...

WELL? AREN'T YOU GOING TO LEARN HOW TO USE THE NEEDLES?

...
THAT'S RIGHT...

...KH!
A-AKAMU-SHI...!

WHOA!
THEN NO COMPLAIN-ING. GET OUT THERE AND STAB!!
WHOCK
HAH HAH HAH!! TREES, STONES, EVEN THE GROUND. THE WORLD'S FULL OF THINGS FOR YOU TO STAB!!

YOU SADIST...

HAHHH HAH HAHAHHH!!

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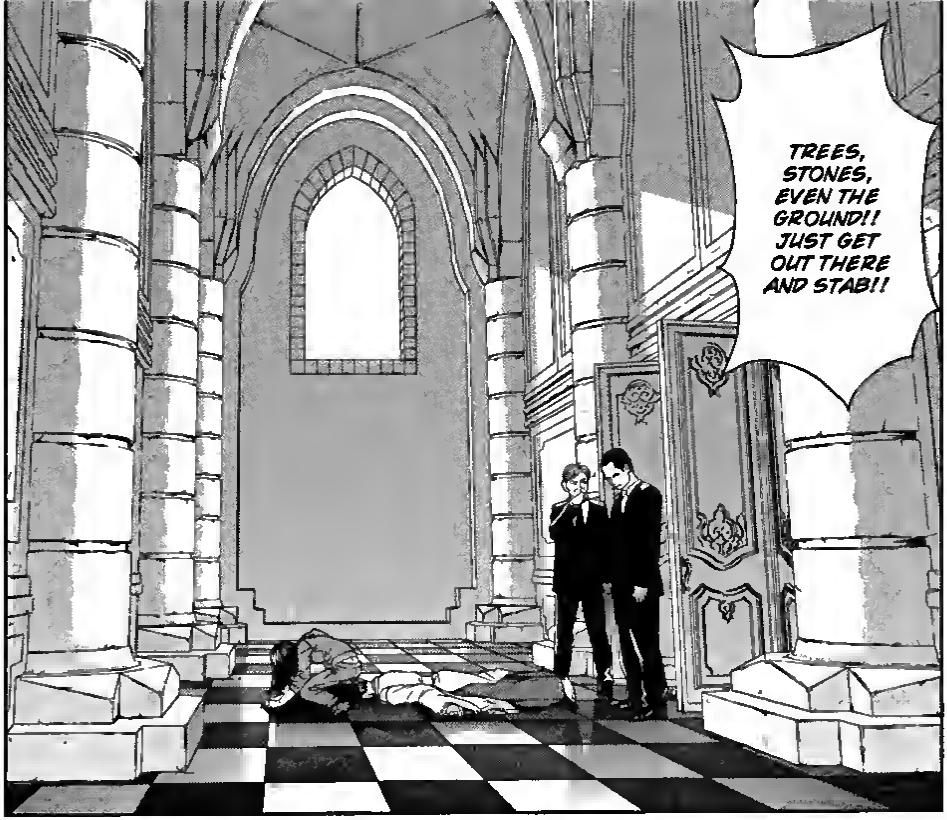
29, AKAMUSHI'S TRAINING


TREES, STONES, EVEN THE GROUND!! JUST GET OUT THERE AND STAB!!

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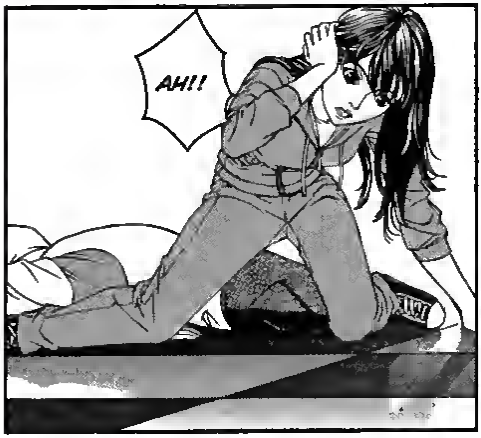

AH!!

YOU SADIST...

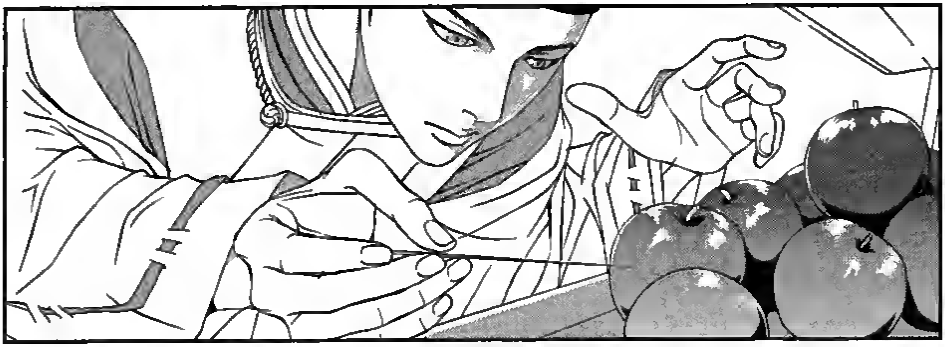
I-I'M SORRY!!
...
DAMN YOU, TAIMA!! I WON'T FORGET THE DISGRACE OF BEING KICKED IN THE REAR!!

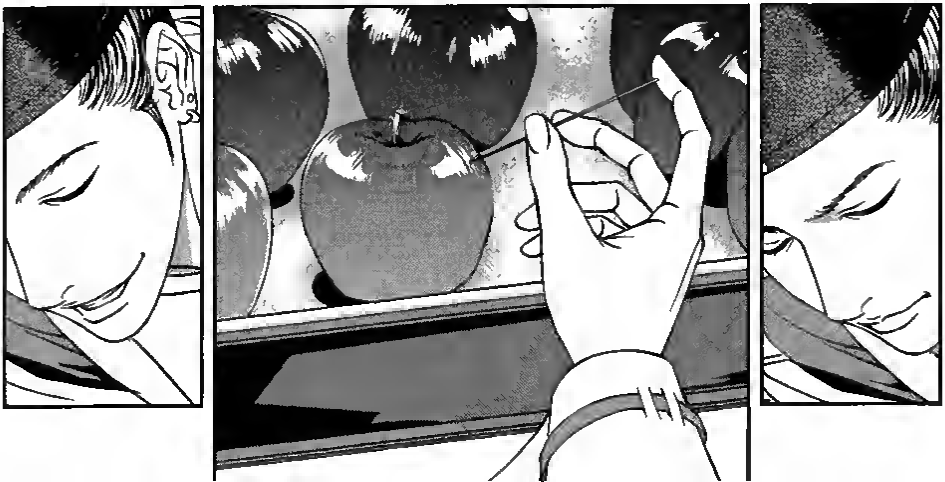
HMM...
HE TOLD US TO GO OUT AND STAB THINGS...
TAXI
EERIE
AH...
WHOM
TAXI
CHAK
0123

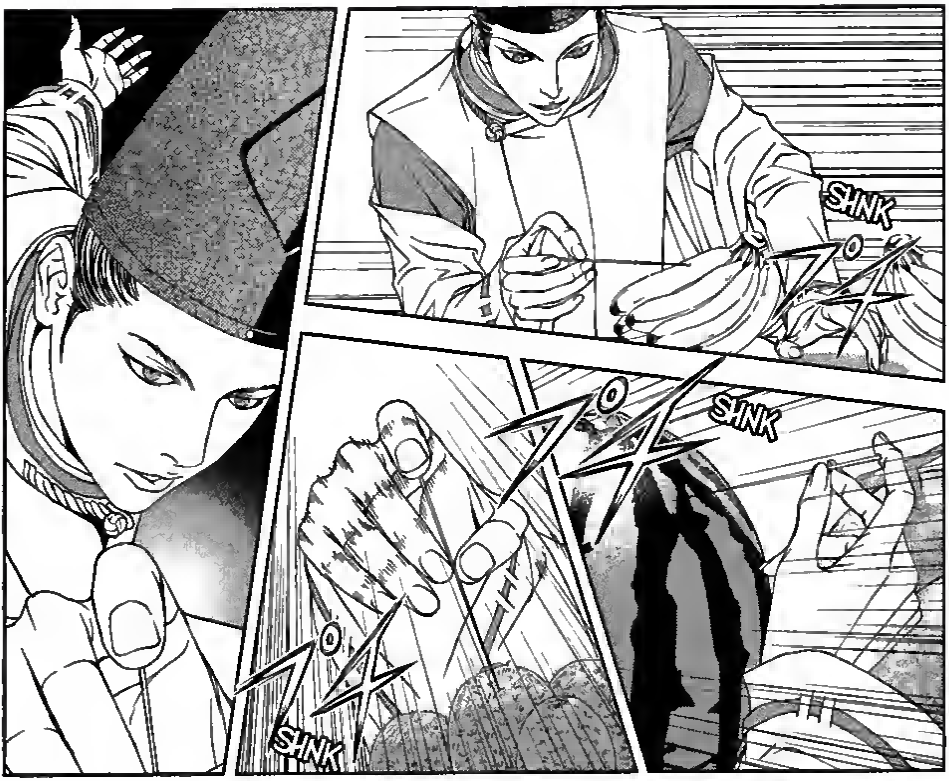
A-AKAMU-SHI.
CLIMB
OH! ARE YOU AN ACTOR IN A PERIOD FILM?!
HUHH?!
ANY NEARBY HANDYMAN.
WHERE TO, MR. ACTOR?
ANY NEARBY HANDY--
A-A CON-VENIENCE STORE!

VWEEEN
ELEVEN
サービス
WOW!! SO MANY GOODS!!

IS HE AN ACTOR? I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYBODY THAT BEAUTIFUL.
MAYBE HE'S A KOREAN MOVIE STAR?
W-WEL-COME TO THE STORE...
5k 3000






SHNK
SHNK
SHNK

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SIR?!

...?

...?
I'M THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THAT.

ARE YOU... A SHINTO PRIEST?

PRIEST ?

WELL ANYWAY, PLEASE STOP STABBING WITH THAT NEEDLE!! THOSE ARE FOR SALE!!
SHNK
SHNK

WHAP
WHA?!

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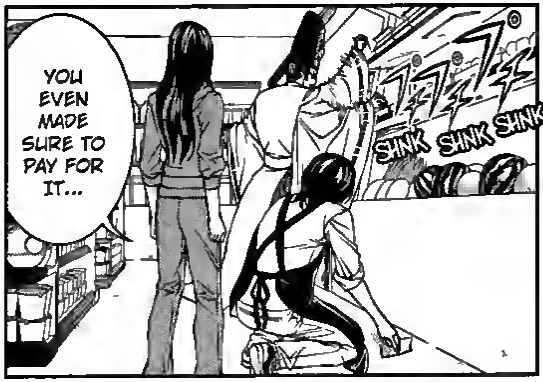
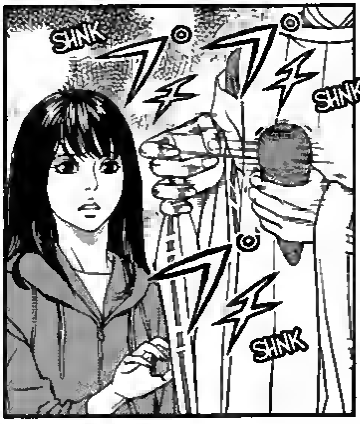
LET ME KNOW IF THAT IS NOT ENOUGH.

I MEAN, NO!!
AKAMUSHI, STOP!!


YOU EVEN MADE SURE TO PAY FOR IT...
SHNK SHNK SHNK


SHNK
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AKA-MU-SHIII !!
SHNK
SHNK

IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE POOR VEGETABLES TO STAB EVERY-THING YOU CAN GRAB!!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S USELESS, USELESS!

HEE HEE HEE!
SHMP
GRRG...
KEEP QUIET.

WHAT'S ALL THAT ABOUT?
MURMUR
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
!!
EEK!
WAH!

MEIJI
LAP
CALCIUM

BWEH!
PSHH
I'M THE MANAGER OF THIS STORE!!
GRAB
CAN I HELP YOU? PAYMENT'S BEEN DEALT WITH, ALREADY.
EHHHH?!
I WANT TO HIRE YOU AS A MODEL FOR MY STORE!! AND I'LL PAY EXTRA FOR YOU TO BE EXCLUSIVE!!
HM... NEXT I'LL TRY STABBING THAT DETERGENT.
WAIT A MINUTE!!
MODEL?
ARE YOU GOING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT SOMETHING?

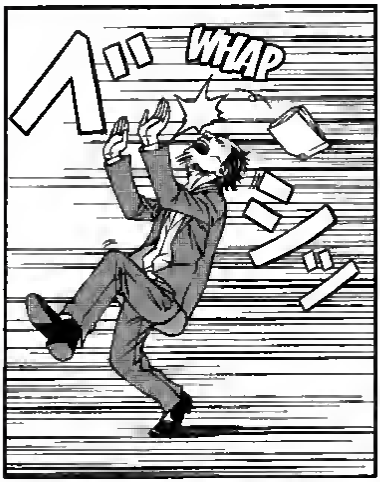
THAT'S NOT ALL, LOOK!! MORE AND MORE CUSTOMERS KEEP COMING IN!!
LOOK HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE FLOCKING TO YOU!!
WHOA, ...
BUSINESS IS THRIVING JUST FROM YOU WALKING AROUND THE STORE!! YOU JUST NEED TO KEEP DOING THIS!!

HMM.
JUST WALK AROUND THE STORE SIX TIMES A DAY, FOR A PER DIEM OF ¥60,000!!
YOU'RE CONSIDERING IT?!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR THAT!
ARE YOU HIS MANAGER?
IF 60K A DAY ISN'T ENOUGH, I'D BE WILLING TO DOUBLE IT!

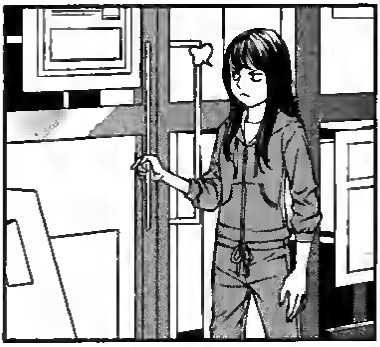
LET'S GO TO ANOTHER STORE! QUICKLY, NOW!
BUT THERE ARE MORE THINGS TO STAB...
COME AND WAIT OUTSIDE!
I'M NOT HIS MANAGER.

IT'D BE A WASTE OF HIS TALENTS!!

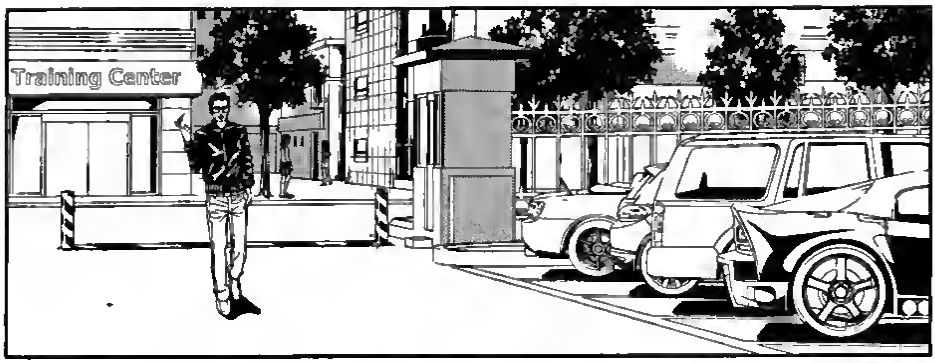
AHHHH! ALL THE CUSTOMERS FOLLOWED HIM OUT...


WHAP

BUT YOU COULD BE THE GREATEST PIMP IN THE WORLD!!



LET'S GO, AKA-MUSHI!!
SHE GETS THAT LOOKER ALL TO HERSELF?!
SNFF! LIFE IS SO UNFAIR...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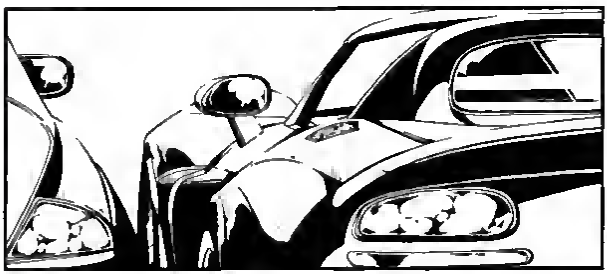
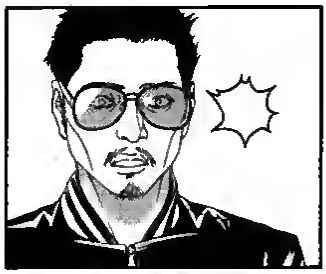
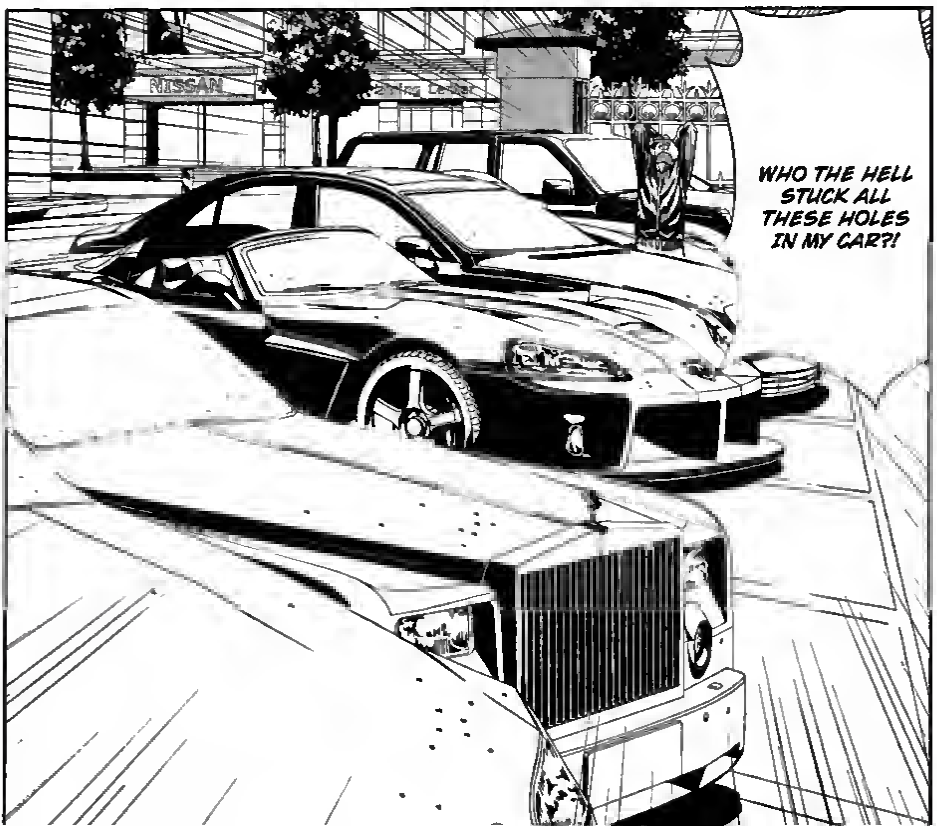
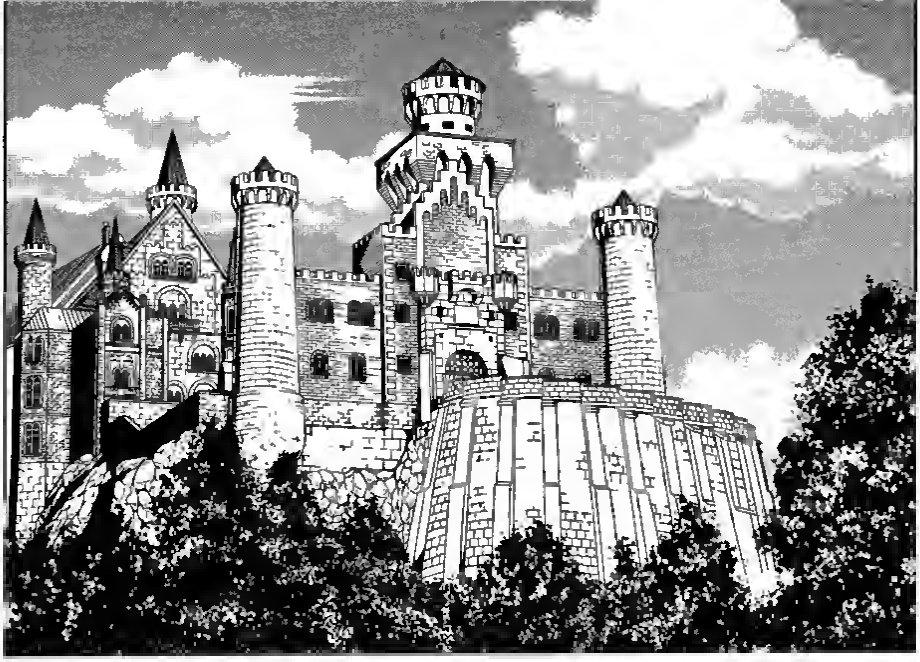
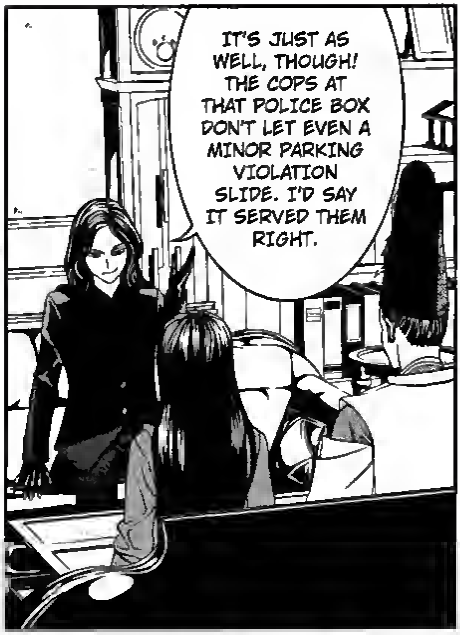


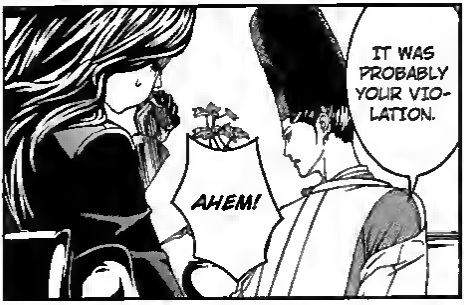



NISSAN
WHO THE HELL STUCK ALL THESE HOLES IN MY CAR?!



I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D GO STICKING NEEDLES IN THE POLICE BOX ON THIRD STREET.
LOOKS LIKE YOU HAD QUITE A TIME. I'VE EVEN HAD THE POLICE CALL ME.
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID STAB *ANYTHING*.

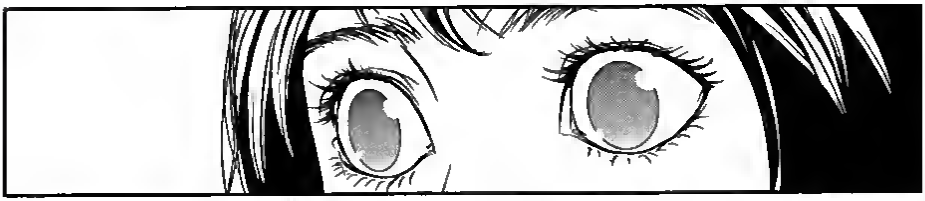

IT'S JUST AS WELL, THOUGH! THE COPS AT THAT POLICE BOX DON'T LET EVEN A MINOR PARKING VIOLATION SLIDE. I'D SAY IT SERVED THEM RIGHT.

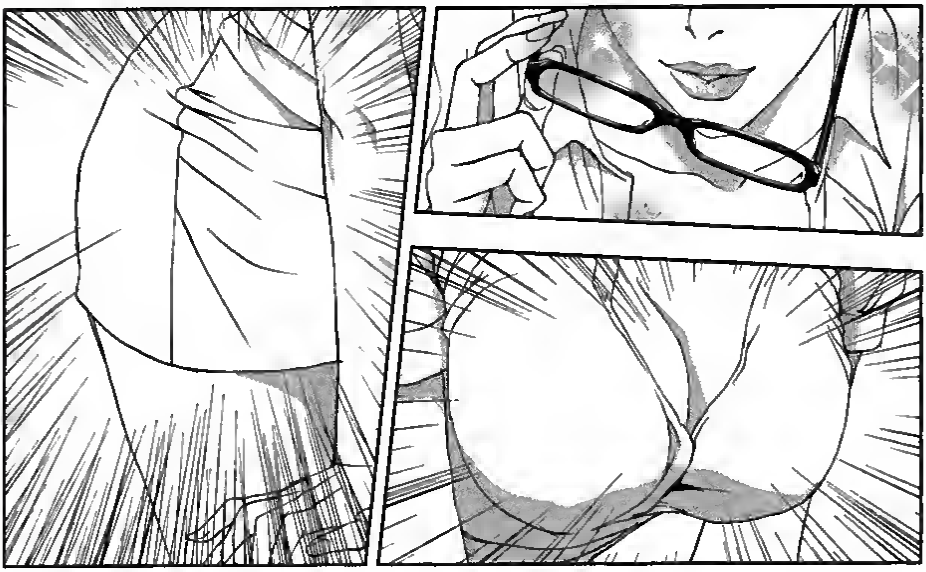

IT WAS PROBABLY YOUR VIO-LATION.
AHEM!

CHAK

OH, MY.

IT'S BEEN SOME TIME... MAKI TOGETSU.
IF IT ISN'T AKAMU-SHI!
YOU'RE LOOKING WELL. ♡
HUH? WHA?





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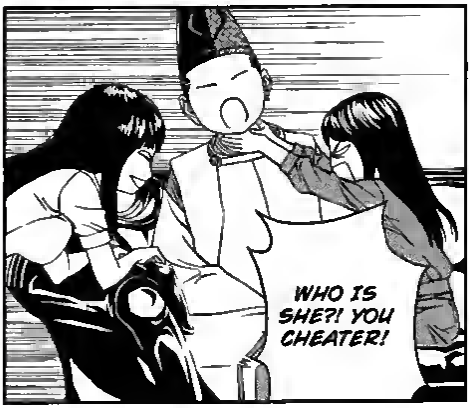
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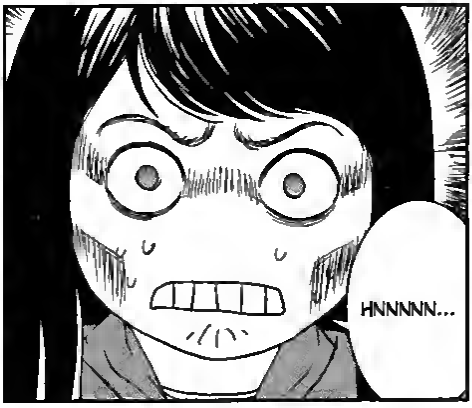
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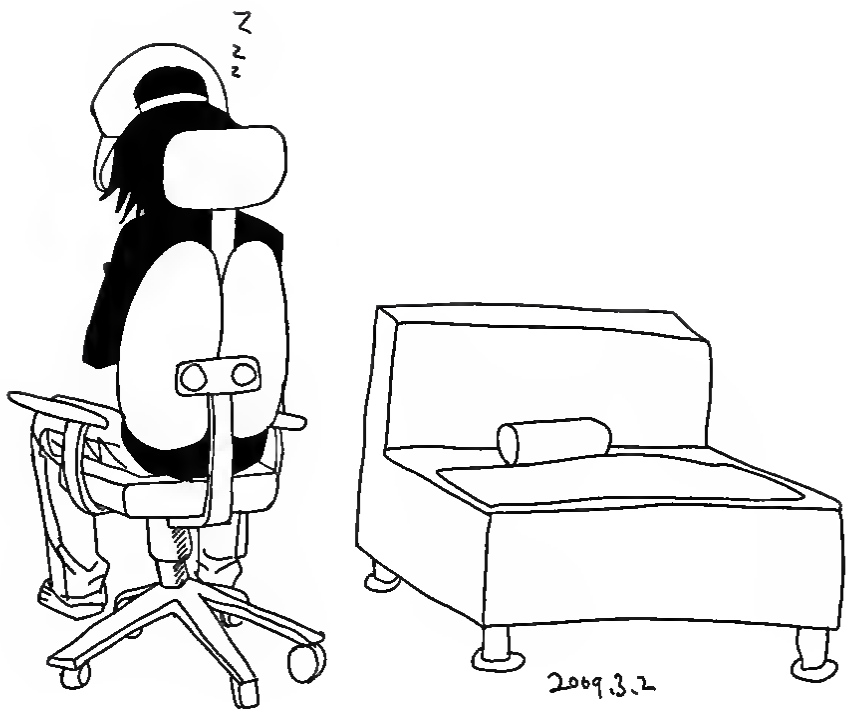

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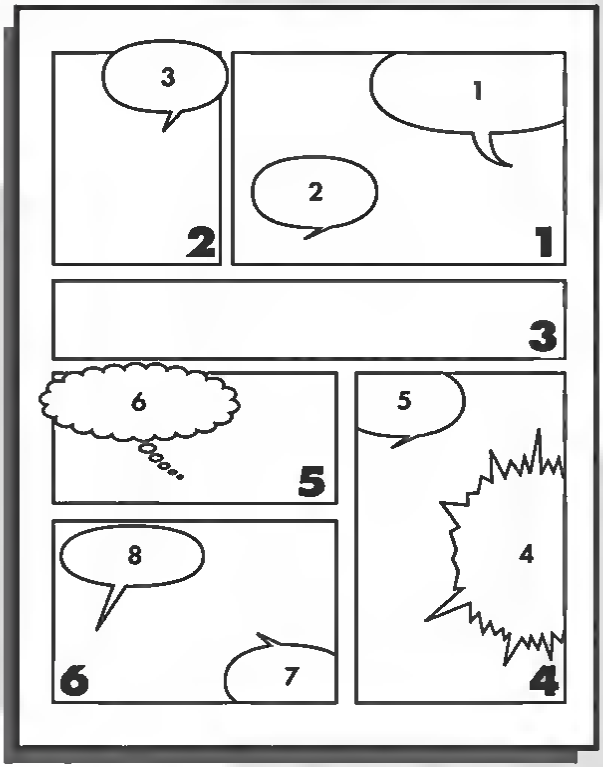

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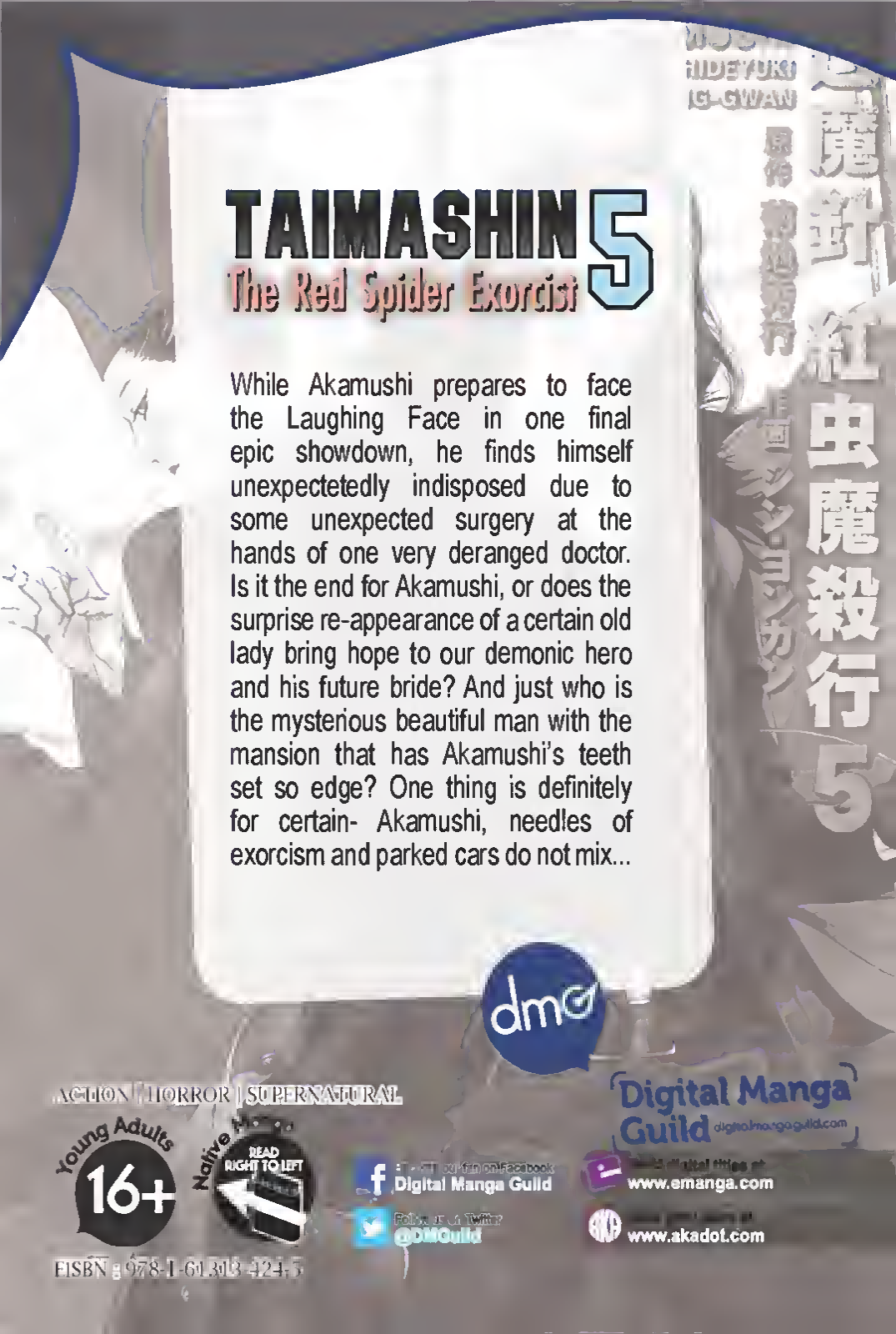

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